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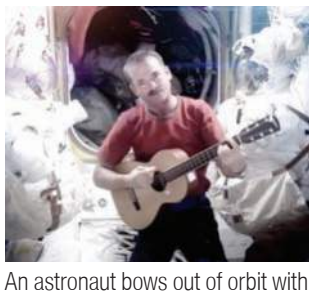

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# CPA board fires Deleon Guerrero

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» Comptroller's contract also not renewed

After more than three years at the helm of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero will be bidding goodbye to the agency following the decision of the board of directors to terminate him from the post, effective 30 days.

The board also decided not to renew the employment contract of the agency's comptroller, Derek Sasamoto.

The decision came following a brief closed-door meeting with Gov. Eloy S. Inos, who appeared before the meeting yesterday morning at the seaports of-

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**4 YEARS SINCE START OF AWARDS TOTALING $119M**

# CNMI takes longer to spend $15 million in ARRA funds

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) separately expressed disappointment yesterday that CNMI agencies have taken longer than expected to spend $15 million of the over $119 million in ARRA money given to the CNMI, four years after the awards started in February 2009.

Moreover, 40 percent or 23 of 57 ARRA projects in the CNMI have yet to be completed as of March 30, 2013, latest data from recovery.gov shows.

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**ROAD CHITCHAT**
The drivers and/or passengers of a government pickup truck, left, and a private pickup truck, right, chat while in the middle of a one-way, busy street in the tourist district of Garapan yesterday, causing inconvenience to motorists behind them. Despite road safety reminders from agencies such as the Department of Public Safety, some motorists seem to go on with their unsafe ways.
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# NMI Descent Corp. opposes military use of Pagan

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A non-profit corporation representing at least 7,000 registered people of Northern Marianas descent has added its voice to the growing opposition to the U.S. military's planned use of Pagan for live-fire training.

The Northern Marianas Descent Corp., led by its president Ana S. Teregeyo, adopted a strongly worded resolution opposing the use of Pagan for military activities.

The 10-page resolution was submitted as the NMD Corp.'s formal comments to the CNMI Joint Training Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas EIS.

"[The] officers and members of Northern Marianas Descent Corp., for and on behalf of the indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian people of Northern Marianas descent, unequivocally oppose and unanimously disapprove the proposed U.S. military development and tactical exercise activities on our culturally, historically, and environmentally rich,

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# 40 LB laptops unused since last year

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Since late last year, 40 new laptops that the Legislative Bureau bought for 29 lawmakers and some LB staffers have yet to reach their intended users.

Yumul

Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (IR-Saipan) said yesterday that the bigger question would be whether all lawmakers are comfortable using laptops instead of being provided hard copies of bills, resolutions and other documents.

LB director Melchor Mendiola confirmed that the bureau received the 40 Lenovo laptops since last year but have yet to allow their use because "we are still working on some technical issues and security measures."

Mendiola reiterated that the LB bought the laptops for the use of lawmakers, legislative clerks, and

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# Local

## NMC students have 'lunch' with the president

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Northern Marianas College president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., recently met with a packed room of students in what was billed as "Lunch with the President" to discuss a number of student issues.

Organized by the Office of Student Affairs and Leadership and the Associated Students of the Northern Marianas College, or ASNMC, one of the topics that was discussed at length was the college's accreditation.

NMC is currently addressing its show-cause status and has until Oct. 15 this year to address the concerns raised by the accreditation commission. The decision whether the college's accreditation will be revoked or not will be known after the commission's assembly in January 2014.

Hart emphasized with the students that the college remains accredited during its show-cause period.

"I wanted to ensure that students have the correct information about the college's accreditation. There's been a lot of misinformation that has been circulated externally about the college's accreditation, and we wanted to be sure that our students know that, although NMC is on show cause, it is still an accredited institution," said Hart.

The college also recently launched a campaign called "Believe," that also seeks to reassure the community about the college's accreditation status.

During the "Lunch with the President," Hart explained that college employees have been making progress in resolving the accreditation concerns and continue to work in teams to address specific issues raised by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges.

ASNMC president Alex Shen said the "Lunch with the President" had a good turnout. "It was a great event and we are glad that many students attended so they can hear directly from the president about what the college is doing to maintain its accreditation," he said yesterday.

He said he looks forward to similar activities that promote the open communication between the students and the president.

"I hope that we can be doing more of these kinds of activities to increase the communication between the leadership of the college and the students. It's important that college leaders hear directly from students about what's on their minds," he added.

Other topics that were discussed included the planned changes to the ASNMC Constitution and the legislative bill regarding the student regent.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Northern Marianas College president Sharon Hart, Ph.D., is shown here during the recent "Lunch with the President" on campus where a host of issues concerning students were raised and discussed with the CEO.

## Seatbelt, child seat checkpoints on Rota

The Department of Public Safety will be conducting occupant protection/child restraint checkpoints on Rota on four days.

On Monday, May 20, 2013, the first setup will be from 6:30am to 7:45am along the San Francisco Highway, Tatachog by the pavilion. The second set up will be from 9am to 10:15am along the San Francisco Highway, Pinatang area. The third setup is from 6pm to 7:15pm along the San Francisco Highway, Guata by the pavilion.

On Friday, May 24, 2013, the first setup is from 6:30am to 7:45am along the San Francisco Highway, Teteto area. The second setup is from 11:20am to 1:30pm along the San Francisco Highway, Tatachog area by the Mayor's Office. The third setup is from 6pm to 7:15pm along the San Francisco Highway, Lotgan area. The fourth setup is from 9pm to 10:15pm along the San Francisco Highway, Sinapalo 2 by the CUC office.

On Wednesday, May 29, 2013, the first setup will be from 6:30am to 7:45am along the San Francisco Highway, Sinapalo 3 area by the Children's Park. The second setup is from 11:20am to 12:15pm along the San Francisco Highway, Sonton area by former Sunset Villa Hotel. The third setup is from 3:15pm to 4:45pm by the San Francisco Highway, Tatachog area by the Mayor's Office. The fourth setup is from 6pm to 7:15pm along the San Francisco Highway, Teteto area.

On Saturday, June 1, 2013, the first setup is from 9am to 10:15am along the San Francisco Highway, Chiliat area. The second setup is from 12pm to 1:15pm along the San Francisco Highway, Igua area. The third setup is from 3pm to 4:15pm along the San Francisco Highway, Sinapalo 2 area by the CUC office.

Each checkpoint will last at least 75 minutes (1 hour and 15 minutes). This activity is part of the department's effort to detect and deter seatbelts and car seats violations, and to ensure that all passengers are wearing proper restraining devices, seatbelts or car seats.

Traffic and patrol officers will also be doing highway criminal interdictions, saturation patrols, aggressive driver interdictions, and laser (speed detection) enforcement. ***(DPS)***

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# CNMI airports pass federal inspection with flying colors

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The Commonwealth's airports recently passed with flying colors the annual safety inspection of the Federal Aviation Administration.

From multiple deficiencies noted by the federal agency three years ago, CPA this year was found with only one deficiency for correction, according to Edward Deleon Guerrero, Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director, yesterday.

The ports authority underwent its annual Part 139 Airport Inspection from April 22-26. It consists of 122 criteria that the airports have to meet in order to remain compliant with federal requirements and allow CPA to continue to avail of airport grants. This is the only safety inspection the ports authority goes through each year.

Deleon Guerrero disclosed that CPA was cited three years ago for about 14 deficiencies. The number went down to nine a year later; CPA further cut this down to just three in 2012.

» From multiple deficiencies three years ago, only one noted this year

"But for this year, we were cited only for a 'minor' discrepancy and which we already started correcting. We've always been improving and a huge factor is the training obtained by our airport personnel," Deleon Guerrero said.

According to him, the single finding deals with the markings at the Rota International Airport runway. He said the work has already been contracted out for correction. It was learned that CPA was given 60 days, or until June 30, to complete the project.

Despite this, Deleon Guerrero said that FAA has already assured that CPA airports will be recertified.

"This inspection is very important for CPA because it is about our airport certification," he said.

Without the FAA certification, the islands' airports will be barred from operating.

Two other "minor" deficiencies were noted at the Saipan and Tinian airports but these were immediately fixed. These two pertains to water leakages found in the airports' fire trucks.

According to Deleon Guerrero, many airports in the U.S. mainland and territories usually have about 30 deficiencies that need to be corrected in a given period of time.

The fact that CNMI airports have managed to bring down this number is an indication of the commitment to safety of each and every personnel of the agency, he said.

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# Power 99 DJs get 'dunked' for a cause

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Power 99 disc jockeys and police officers are all smiles after taking part in the Department of Public Safety's Dunk-A-Celebrity Booth held at the most recent Thursday Market at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Disc jockeys of Power 99 went home as wet as a sponge after volunteering in Thursday Market's Dunk-A-Celebrity Booth at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Power 99 Saipan station manager Tina B. Palacios said that six DJs gamely took part in the event, the proceeds of which will go to the Department of Public Safety as part of CNMI Law Enforcement Week.

Palacios, who was supposed to do a cameo for the event but later bowed out, said that everyone had a fun time and that she personally spent $20 to have her colleagues "walk the plank" and get dunked.

Among the station's DJs who took part in the event were Dice, Bonez, 1Up, El Mojito, Big Mama, and Tony Joe.

While nobody came close to dunking her 20 times, which would have resulted in a free Subway sandwich, Dice said she still had tons of fun.

Bonez said the Dunk-A-Celebrity Booth was an honest-to-goodness riot. "It was fun, especially being that that was my first time to get dunked, I was stoked! Awesome event and big ups to DPS on having some fun, all in part of Police Week. It was really cool to have been a part of it and it was just a simple way of showing some appreciation to our fellow folks over at DPS for an awesome job that they've been doing and continue to do so," he said.

1Up wishes the people who rent out the Dunk-A-Celebrity Booth will retrofit it with a larger and more comfortable seat. He said the 2'x4' "plank" is just too small and not built for folks like him.

Nonetheless, 1Up said he had a grand time, especially when he saw children laughing and having a kick out of dunking him and his colleagues.

Big Mama was originally exempted from the event as she is north of 220 lbs. It was originally thought the mechanism couldn't carry her weight, but she somehow managed not to break the seat and was dunked several times.

Palacios thanked DPS and Power 99's mother company, Sorensen Media Group, for allowing her staff to take part in charitable events like the Dunk-A-Celebrity Booth. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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# Hotels willing to negotiate proposed mandatory hookup

Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands vice president Grace Cavanagh told House of Representatives members yesterday that hotels are willing to negotiate with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. on a proposal requiring all businesses to connect to the CUC power grid.

Cavanagh, general manager of Marianas Resort & Spa, said they're hoping that CUC will lower its rate because as of today, hotels spend less than 8 to 11 cents per kilowatt hour producing their own power compared to using CUC power.

Cavanagh later said that HANMI was "taken aback" that a bill had to be introduced for the mandatory hookup instead of CUC approaching hotels to negotiate the issue.

Nevertheless, she said HANMI is willing to work with CUC and the Legislature.

Rep. Tony Sablan (IR-Saipan), author of the bill, welcomed HANMI's willingness to negotiate.

Sablan said he has faith that CUC and hotels, along with other businesses, will be able to negotiate a lowered rate for these private entities to hook up again to CUC's grid.

He pointed out that HANMI and the Chamber should consider CUC acting executive director Alan Fletcher's written comments stating that if 12 "major self-generating" businesses on Saipan—representing a disconnected load of 9.9MW—hook up to CUC, there could be an overall 4.25-percent decrease in electric rates.

Cavanagh said HANMI does not have a proposed rate yet.

"We understand that being part of the community, we're also tasked with certain responsibilities in order to improve the community. If I save 11 cents per kwh by producing my own power, yet they offer me 8 cents, I'm more than happy to do the 8 cents. So it's just negotiation. We're going to have to pay a little bit higher. We know that… But you know I believe all of us are in agreement that we will all do that, but we cannot pay 20 percent, 25 percent more by hooking up to CUC now," she told reporters.

HANMI and Sablan both acknowledged that CUC has invested millions to improve its power production and distribution. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

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Gone are the days at CPA when unit supervisors were the only ones being sent to off-island trainings and workshops. People directly involved in projects and programs have been availing of these trainings here and off island since two years ago, Deleon Guerrero said.

During the out-briefing on April 26, it was learned that the federal inspector provided recommendations to all airport managers. These included, among others, using the same forms and formats and sharing information for self-inspections, including quarterly group training, implementation of an electronic driver training program, training records to be converted into electronic format on Rota and Tinian, and providing Internet service to all airport inspectors.

"All in all, the inspector was pleased with CPA's performance and urged management and staff to keep up the good work," added Deleon Guerrero.

## ARRA

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The federal tracking agency updated the CNMI data on April 30, covering the latest quarter of January to March 2013.

Sablan clarified that the $15 million listed on recovery.gov for the CNMI "has been obligated or that there is a waiver from the Dodd-Frank Act, even if the project has not started."

He said the Dodd-Frank Act did say that ARRA funds "not obligated by the end of 2012 would go back to the U.S. Treasury."

"Our money should be safe. Still, I am disappointed that Recovery Act funds were not spent more quickly in the Commonwealth. That was one of the first bills I voted for in Congress, over four years ago," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

ARRA money paid for hundreds of jobs in the CNMI, many of them at the Public School System.

"It pumped life into our economy, as we know from the jump in GDP [gross domestic product] in 2010. So I certainly hope those 23 unfinished projects get going," Sablan said.

ARRA, or the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, has so fair paid out $790.3 billion to U.S. states and territories, including the CNMI, since its enactment in February 2009.

The governor, in a separate interview, said the CNMI cannot afford to waste the $15 million remaining funds. He said a chunk of that is for road and energy-related projects.

The governor said he would like agencies involved to speed up the use and implementation of the remaining ARRA funds.

"We can't afford to return any of these monies, especially with the sequestration, if future funding is not shared… We will do everything within our means to make sure we spend that money," he said.

The CNMI will not only lose millions in federal funds because of "sequestration" but is also seeing the end of the ARRA program.

Sequestration is a series of automatic, across-the-board funding cuts to U.S. government agencies totaling $1.2 trillion over 10 years.

Of the over $119 million in ARRA funds awarded to the CNMI, 40 percent or over $48 million went to education, mainly PSS. Energy and environment projects got the second biggest chunk at almost $39 million, followed by transportation-related projects at over $15 million.

The rest went to infrastructure, family, public safety, research and development/science, housing, health, and job training.

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fice. The governor's chat with board members was described by sources as "very brief," mainly to ask the board leadership "to do the right thing" for the agency.

It was about 10:15am when the board convened the special meeting, with newly confirmed members Thomas Villagomez and Frances Sablan in attendance.

Villagomez is a former board member while Sablan was the agency's comptroller who left the position during Deleon Guerrero's term. Others at the meeting were board chair Jose Lifoifoi, Benigno Sablan, Barrie Toves, and Fermin Sakisat.

Lifoifoi's pronouncement of a 15-minute executive session lasted longer than expected. The board returned to the open session about 12pm yesterday, only to adopt a "compounding motion" that surprised the waiting crowd who was not told that the board had already gone out of executive session.

All board members immediately left after the meeting, leaving the crowd unaware of what transpired during the open discussion.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that board members held a "secret voting" on a motion to terminate Deleon Guerrero's employment and not renew Sasamoto's contract. Of the six members, it was learned that only Rota's Barrie Toves opposed the motion and was defeated.

Deleon Guerrero's $90,000 contract is up for renewal in January 2013 while Sasamoto's $75,000 contract already expired in March 2013.

Board members approached by *Saipan Tribune* after the meeting declined to comment. Each one told *Saipan Tribune* that they cannot comment on what has already transpired at the meeting. The record of how the members voted were not made available when requested.

Among the people who waited outside the conference room was Deleon Guerrero, who admitted that the termination was not a big surprise. However, he expressed dismay and felt insulted by how the board went about it.

"This is not new to me. Of course, I understand fully that my contract is at the pleasure of the board. The only thing that bothers me is the way it's done. It could have been very simple. They could have just sat down with me and tell me that my contract will be terminated… and I will be more than happy to get off," he said, adding that he was not even given the opportunity to make a statement before or after the meeting.

Deleon Guerrero said he remains thankful to the board for its support during his three-year tenure at CPA. He intends to serve the agency until his 30 days are up.

Sasamoto refused to comment yesterday, saying he cannot make one until he gets the formal word from the board.

### Courtesy

Deleon Guerrero, a close ally of former governor Benigno R. Fitial, admits that he is a political appointee but believes he still deserves to be shown respect and courtesy.

"I guess I deserve that and I expected them to at least face me before they make the decision. That's an insult me. I feel like the hard work we've done is not really appreciated by the very people that's supposed to take the leadership and push forward the improvements at CPA," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Despite the board's knowledge that there were many people waiting for the open session, the crowd was never called in. The Open Government Act requires a board to invite the public to come in and participate when it returns to plenary session.

When asked, one board member said, "We did open the [conference] door [after the executive session] but you guys did not come in…"

"They knew that there are a lot of people waiting here. They should have called the people here. But it looks like the decision was made and they don't want anybody to witness it," according to Deleon Guerrero, who was not even informed right away about the board's decision.

Deleon Guerrero said he is proud of what CPA has achieved under his leadership. "When I accepted the job, it was for a good intention. CPA was in a big mess when I came in and the record will speak for itself. In a year and a half, our three airports will be completely different with all the ongoing projects that we have. I am fortunate that I was given three years to serve this agency and the board."

CPA has been in full compliance in both its airport and seaport bond indenture agreements for the last three years. The global Fitch Rating agency also recently accorded the ports authority a positive outlook due to improved revenues and collection activities. CPA's audit was also described as a clean bill of health for the agency. Also notable is the expected completion of the rehabilitation of the Saipan International Airport's main runway this year, the planned construction of a state-of-the-art ARFF center, and numerous airport projects mostly funded by the federal government. An across-the-board salary adjustment was also implemented among agency personnel.

## PAGAN

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serene, and irreplaceable ancestral homeland of Pagan…," the resolution partly reads.

Besides Teregeyo, those who signed the May 10 resolution were NMD Corp. vice president Karl T. Reyes, secretary Daniel O. Quitugua, and treasurer Rose T. Ada-Hocog.

Many of the comments from CNMI entities on the EIS are opposed to the proposed use of Pagan, but not necessarily on the use of Tinian, where two-thirds of its lands are already leased to the U.S. Department of Defense.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, as chairman of the CNMI Military Integration Management Committee, has asked DoD to split into two distinct EIS the proposed Pagan and Tinian ranges "to prevent the downfall of one range because of the other."

Teregeyo, in a phone interview yesterday, said the NMD Corp. represents 7,000 indigenous people, based on the NMD Registry.

The NMD Corp. claimed that historically, "the U.S. military is best known for covert operations, keeping secret anything they used or plan to use that may be harmful to the area, affecting and displacing people, animals, plants, wildlife, marine life, water, air and sea, permanently damaging and/or destroying the overall human habitat, landscape, flora, fauna, land and marine environment…"

It said the "most alarming statement regarding Pagan" is the U.S. military's intention to use "the entire island with a full spectrum of weapons and joint training activities."

The group also asked that DoD comply with Sections 805 and 806 of the Covenant, which established the political relationship between the Northern Marianas and the United States.

The previous Fitial administration had offered to lease Pagan and other Northern Islands to foreign investors to generate revenue for the dwindling CNMI economy at the time. Pagan has a rich deposit of pozzolan.

DoD plans to use Tinian and Pagan to meet its unit level and combined level training deficiencies in the Western Pacific.

Guam training areas are already being used to capacity.

## LAPTOPS

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counsels during legislative sessions and official meetings, to save on volumes of papers.

Instead of the LB providing copies of documents to lawmakers, electronic copies will be made available to them through their laptops.

Yumul, who almost always has either his personal laptop or tablet with him during sessions, said he is fine with either the use of electronic copies or hard copies.

Since he already has his own laptop and tablet, Yumul said he might not need an LB-issued laptop.

"All I want to make sure is that my laptop is compatible with the system they plan to use or implement so I can access all the bills and other documents during sessions and meetings," Yumul told *Saipan Tribune*.

Besides asking all lawmakers whether they are willing to use laptops instead of having hard copies of documents, Yumul said he also would like to know "whether LB would be willing to provide training to lawmakers who are not too familiar with the use of laptops."

Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan) said he will be okay with the use of LB-issued laptops, but he said he would still keep some hard copies "just in case."

"I think having laptops may help meetings and sessions go more smooth[ly] because of the convenience that comes with it," he said.

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) said he is also fine with the use of laptops during sessions to "save paper."

"And it is easier to share documents and make changes," he said.

The Senate president, however, said he's not aware until yesterday that laptops have actually been bought for lawmakers since last year.

House minority leader George Camacho (R-Saipan) said the use of laptops during sessions would be "great." Camacho has also been using his own laptop during legislative sessions.

"We need to start moving toward going paperless. It is more efficient and less costly," he said.

Of the 40 laptops, 20 will go to the House of Representatives members, nine to senators, one each for the House and Senate clerks, one each for the three in-house legal counsels, and six for back up.

Funding for the purchase of these laptops was taken from the LB's previous fiscal year budget.

The laptops bought are the property of the LB, and not of the individual lawmakers and LB staffers. This means lawmakers, for example, cannot bring home the laptops.

# 'CNMI needs to invest in islands' potential through education'

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Fresh from his trip to the nation's capital, CNMI Public School System's Teacher of the Year Peter Loken pleaded with elected leaders, partners, and community members yesterday to convince the local government to find ways to invest in the islands' potential through education.

"That is what I'm asking you to do today, to help me and the other committed, passionate educators of the CNMI by letting our lawmakers know they need to find a way to invest in our islands' potential through education. Together, we are the local leaders of our community and now is the time to work together to serve the community we call home," Loken told members of the Saipan Rotary Club yesterday, describing education as the safest and wisest investment one could ever make.

Loken is among the fewer than 500 classroom teachers in public schools who see and experience everyday the challenges that face both educators and students.

In a jam-packed classroom filled with 33 students, Loken is proud that he's doing the best he can for each of them but he could do more without these challenges—the lack of resources and teachers that come from having a limited budget provided by the local government.

Loken said he was handling 23 students in each classroom last year but is now forced to handle bigger classes due to the funding shortfall.

Despite all these, Loken said he never fails to see the many successes that are happening in schools.

"We are doing great things here even in the face of very difficult circumstances, but I'm reminded of some very valuable advice my dad once gave me. He said "If you drive your car in the red, it will work for a while, and then it won't.' We are succeeding, but we need to start helping our teachers rather than hindering them, because it's not just teachers that have been put in these difficult situations, it is also our children, yours and mine," he said.

Loken cited the recent accomplishment of the Dolphin Aeronautics of Marianas High School, which won a national championship, three MHS students earning scholarship grants from the Gates Foundation, and the Manta Ray Drill team that won first place in California.

During his recent three-week trip to Washington, D.C., Loken said he got to meet and speak with President Barrack Obama. He described this experience as truly an amazing honor, especially as a representative of the CNMI.

Loken also had the chance to meet with U.S. Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan.

More than just meeting with Duncan, all the state teachers of the year were invited to collaborate with him and his assistants in their new policy toward the profession and practice of education.

"More than a policy it is a map leading in a new direction, a new vision of how education should be viewed. The policy, which was only just unveiled three weeks ago, is called RESPECT: Recognizing Educational Success, Professional Excellence, and Collaborative Teaching," he said.

According to Loken, a truly transformed education profession requires everyone to think boldly as a country about how they might redesign their educational systems to attract, prepare, support, retain, and reward excellent teachers and principals.

"Just as critically, we must think about how the classroom, the school environment, and the school day and year might be reshaped to support and sustain this transformation," he added.

RESPECT lays out seven key areas that need to be focused on, and they range from promoting a culture of shared responsibility and leadership, to engaging our communities. The good news, according to Loken, is that of the seven areas outlined in the blueprint, the CNMI is already doing a very good job with four of them and that the remaining three are well within reach. All the CNMI needs, he said, is the proper support to get there.

# Tinian mayor confirms complaint vs Quichocho

## »Sources: Bar Association files in court sealed complaint vs lawyer

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz confirmed yesterday that he filed a complaint of unethical conduct before the CNMI Bar Association against attorney Ramon K. Quichocho, who has just been nominated to become a judge.

In a brief phone interview with *Saipan Tribune*, Dela Cruz refused to elaborate on the nature of his complaint.

"I will send a press release detailing most of those issues," he said.

*Saipan Tribune* tried to obtain comments from Quichocho but there was no reply as of press time.

Sources disclosed that a lawyer, on behalf of the CNMI Bar Association, also filed yesterday in Superior Court a sealed complaint against Quichocho.

Sources said the complaint involved Tinian Mayor Dela Cruz's allegations of breach of fiduciary duties against the lawyer.

Sources said the case is sealed until a final decision is made, which normally takes at least three months.

Quichocho used to serve as counsel for Dela Cruz in the latter's lawsuit against then Tinian mayor Jose P. San Nicolas and others over a $1 million loan proposal with the Marianas Public Land Trust.

In January 2010, then Superior Court associate judge Ramona V. Manglona disqualified Quichocho from representing Dela Cruz and co-plaintiffs in the lawsuit against San Nicolas.

In her ruling, Manglona said that whether Quichocho took directions from San Nicolas or from 12th Tinian Municipal Council chair Antonio H. Borja "is of no consequence to the fact that he undertook to represent the Tinian municipality in the matter of the Marianas Public Lands Trust loan and thereby engaged the confidences of defendants acting in their official capacities."

In February 2011, Quichocho and Felipe Q. Atalig filed a defamation lawsuit against Dela Cruz and several others, including the *Saipan Tribune.*

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**
**May 15 , 2013**

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:

| APPLICANT | DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED | APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION | LOCATION | TYPE | STATUS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. PIC | 04/29/2013 SMS-91-X-25 (Amend) | Renovation Existing Pool Bar | San Antonio | Amendment | Approved (05/14/2013)* |
| 2. KANOA RESORT | 4/26/2013 SMS-84-X-28(Amend) | Renovation | Susupe | Amendment | Under Review |
| 3. NIIZEKI INTERNATIONAL SAIPAN | 05/01/2013 SLRm-2013-X-028 | Land Clearing | Susupe | Shoreline APC | Under Review |
| 4. SAIPAN CREWBOATS | 05/06/2013 SPIm-2013-X-029 | Dry Dock | Lower Base | Ports & Industrial APC | Approved(05/13/2013)* |
| 5. AQUA BLUE SAIPAN, INC. | 05/07/2013 SSm-2013-X-030 | Scuba Diving OperationTour | Lagoon & Reef | Lagoon & Reef APC | Under Review |
| 6. TASI HOMES DEV CO., LLC | 05/09/2013 SMS-2013-X-031 | Eight Storey Apartment Building | Susupe | MAJOR SITING | Under Review |
| 7. SAIPAN SEA CRUISES, INC. | 05/10/2013 SPIm-2013-X-032 | Dry Dock | Lower Base | Ports & Industrial APC | Under Review |
| 8. PHASE ONE, LLC | 05/10/2013 Ssm-2013-X-033 | Photographic Activities | Shoreline Areas | Shoreline APC | Approved (05/13/2013) |

Publication of the above list is in accordance with CRM Regulations, which require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the CRM Regulations.

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# TakeCare Foundation donation to fund cancer awareness

TakeCare Foundation presented the Commonwealth Cancer Association yesterday with a $3,920 grant that will be used primarily for the organization's public awareness campaign, especially among the islands' public schools.

CCA president David Rosario said the funds will be earmarked to support their education, prevention, and awareness community outreach monthly cancer events.

"As you know this is the second grant we're receiving from FHP/Take Care and this particular grant we will use for educational awareness, especially for the schools. We are preparing a plan for the next school year to work with the Public School System on a cancer awareness campaign," he said.

Rosario said that CCA plans to create effective and culturally appropriate cancer outreach materials, including fact sheets, exhibits, brochures in five different languages, banners, and other media.

The organization also plans to go on the air to promote awareness of the disease by booking interviews with KKMP and the *John Gonzales Live* show.

Rosario said they will also use funds raised at the recent Marianas March Against Cancer for its public awareness campaign.

SAIPAN TRIBUBE

Commonwealth Cancer Association president David Rosario, seventh from left, receives TakeCare Foundation's $3,920 check donation from FHP clinic manager Nora Sablan while other CCA officials and volunteers pose with FHP/TakeCare staff during a brief ceremony yesterday morning at the clinic's office at the TSL Plaza.

He said FHP/TakeCare's donation is very timely as cancer is among the Top 3 non-communicable diseases affecting the island population.

The other top NCDs on islands are heart disease, stroke, chronic respiratory disease, diabetes, and others.

FHP clinic manager Nora Sablan, who handed the check to Rosario and other CCA members in a brief ceremony yesterday morning, said her company is always happy to help CCA, especially if it involves cancer prevention and awareness.

She said FHP/TakeCare is always active in the fight against cancer. Proof of this is its involvement in the Relay for Life and the Make-A-Wish Foundation in Guam and the Marianas March Against Cancer in the Commonwealth.

Last year, the foundation awarded a $5,000 grant to CCA. It also gave grants to two other organizations in the CNMI.

CCA is a community-based organization dedicated to promoting cancer awareness and prevention, providing patient support services, and serving as the liaison and advocate for cancer issues in the Commonwealth and the region.

The TakeCare Foundation is composed of employees of TakeCare Insurance and the FHP Health Center who are devoted to charitable and educational causes that enhance the health, wellness and welfare of individuals, families and the public at large. It is unique because it is employee-driven. TakeCare and FHP employees play a major role in assisting with the contributions and the selection process of the grant recipients.

The TakeCare Foundation grant presentations occur in two cycles, in June and December. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

## SOPHIA-Fiesta Walk this Saturday

The SOPHIA-Fiesta 5K Fun Walk will be held this Saturday starting 6pm at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan along Hotel Street in Garapan. Registration is free and will be from 6am to 6:30am.

The route of the 5-kilometer walk is from Fiesta Resort to the Gold Beach Hotel and back. Medals will be awarded to the youngest male and female participants as well as the oldest male and female walkers.

Hiroko Tenorio of the Marianas Walking Association expects 60-80 walkers to grace the event, including about 10 from off-island. Fiesta Resort is sponsoring the walk, while MWA is organizing it. The Garapan landmark, Tenorio said, shouldered the cost of the commemorative shirts and is urging staff to take part in the event.

While registration is free, MWA is selling the commemorative shirts at $7 apiece. Marianas Health Services will also be conducting free blood sugar, blood pressure, and respiratory flow check.

Named after former first lady Sophia Tenorio, SOPHIA stands for Saipan Outdoor Physical Health Invigorating Adventure.

MWA also hosts the Valentine's Day Walk in February, Foundation Walk in August, Aqua Walk around September, Turkey Walk in November, and the Christmas Walk in December.

For more information, call Tenorio at 483-01614, Hiroko Tajima at 287-8780, Jack Hardy at 322-1013, or Lupe/Wellington at 234-6412. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY**
**CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID**
**ITB13-DPW/ED-117**

BID SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 19, 2013 • TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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/S/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

/S/ VICENTE S. ATTAO
ACTING DIRECTOR, ENERGY DIVISION

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**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY**
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**INVITATION TO BID**
**ITB13-DPW/ED-118**

BID SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 19, 2013 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

**"SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND COMMISSIONING OF AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM FOR OFFICES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND BOARD OF PAROLE ON SAIPAN AND TINIAN AGING CENTER ON TINIAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ENERGY DIVISION"**

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**
**RFP13-DOC-119**

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 11, 2013 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

**"CNMI & GUAM PREMIUM RATE REVIEW HARMONIZATION ASSESSMENT & DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE"**

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## CDA SCHEDULED VISIT TO TINIAN

This is a public notice to the residence of Tinian that CDA Loan Manager, Oscar Camacho will be on Tinian on Friday, May 17, 2013. He will be at the Department of Commerce's office from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Clients or individuals seeking assistance from CDA may drop by Commerce's office at these times.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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| **Betty I. Verano** Petitioner, | ) | **FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0170** |
| vs. | ) | |
| **Domingo B. Verano** Respondent. | ) | **SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION** |

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 500641, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 12th day of April, 2013.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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| **BANK OF SAIPAN, INC.,** Plaintiff, | ] | **CIVIL ACTION NO.: 12-0042** |
| **v.** | ] | **NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE** |
| **MA. CAROLINE GARON,** Defendants. | ] | |

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on January 24, 2013, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right and leasehold interest of Defendant in and to the following real property:

Lot 010 K 217, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 010 K 01, the original of which was recorded August 19, 1987 as Document No. 87-2909 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

**1. Date, Time and Place of Sale.** The sale is open to the general public (including the Defendant), and will be held on **Tuesday, May 28, 2013**, at the hour of **1:30 p.m. at the entrance to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, 2nd Floor, D'Torres Building, Garapan, Saipan.** Registration for the auction sale will begin at 1:00 p.m.

**2. Change of Terms and Conditions.** The undersigned reserves the right to change the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, before the auction date and time or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, will be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

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/s/ Micheline W. Brel
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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| **IN RE THE ESTATE OF, EDWARD W. FLORES.** Deceased. | ] | **CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0181** |

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 18th day of June, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., Petitioner, GUADALUPE A. FLORES, will petition the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, on Saipan, to be appointed as Administratrix of the Estate of EDWARD W. FLORES, decedent, when and where all persons interested in said Estate may appear and object to said appointment.

2. NOTICE is also hereby given to all creditors, heirs and any person having any interest in or claim against the Estate of EDWARD W. FLORES, deceased, to file any claim they may have with the Commonwealth Superior Court or with Timothy H. Bellas, attorney for Petitioner, at P.O. Box 502845, Saipan, MP 96950, within sixty (60) days after the date of first publication of this Notice.

Dated this 17th day of April, 2013.

/s/Deputy Clerk of Court
Commonwealth Superior Court

# BGR down a bit in Q4 of 2012

## »But expected to pick up in 2013

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

Business gross revenue or total sales reported by CNMI businesses went down by 5 percent or $20 million during the last quarter of 2012 compared to the same period in 2011, but Commerce Secretary Sixto Igisomar expressed optimism Monday that succeeding quarters' business sales will post an increase as the tourism industry is picking up.

Igisomar

The Department of Commerce's preliminary data shows that business gross revenues reached $361.15 million in October to December 2012, a drop from $381.99 million recorded during the same quarter in 2011.

"Tourism is the main industry, and the current growth should be favorably optimistic toward growth in others," Igisomar told *Saipan Tribune.*

The latest quarter's data, however, is an improvement over the preceding two quarters: $345.21 million in the third quarter of 2012, and $356 million in the second quarter of 2012. The first quarter of 2012 reached $386.37 million.

Alfonis Sound, director of Commerce's Central Statistics Division, said the full economic indicators report will be released as soon as other agencies submit their data to CSD.

Other economic indicators data have yet to be released, including the government's general fund revenue, remittances and exports.

Historically, if tourist arrivals are up, most of the other economic indicators also see growth. In March alone, tourist arrivals went up by 13 percent or from 36,033 to 40,666.

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# Man found guilty of possessing 2 fruit bats

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has found a man guilty of possessing two federally protected Mariana fruit bats or *fanihi* on Tinian.

In a bench trial for Pedro Mendiola last week at the Tinian Superior Court, Wiseman said he carefully considered the testimony of the witnesses, the exhibits admitted into evidence, and the arguments of counsel.

Wiseman said the government's evidence presented proof of guilt beyond reasonable doubt with respect to two counts of possession of an endangered and threatened species.

The judge ordered the Adult Probation Office to prepare a presentence investigation.

Assistant attorney general James McAllister prosecuted the case. Assistant public defender Benjamin Petersburg served as counsel for Mendiola.

In April 2013, Mendiola wrote a letter to Wiseman where he admitted to being unaware that he cannot own nor keep fruit bats.

"I have taken good care of the fruit bat and had no plan to kill it," he said.

Mendiola said he bought the fruit bat from a farmer in June 2012 for $50.

He said a Tinian resident traded the fruit bat for a female goat.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Mendiola with two counts of possession of an endangered species, which carries a maximum sentence of six months imprisonment and a $5,000 fine.

According to court records, Mendiola delivered two live fruit bats to a residence of Rita A. Manglona in San Jose, Tinian in exchange for a live goat on June 9, 2012. A worker at Manglona's house allegedly received the fruit bats. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

# 23rd PIALA conference on Saipan in July

The 23rd Annual PIALA Conference will be held on July 15-17 at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, Saipan.

Established in 1991, PIALA, or the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives and Museums, is a regional association committed to fostering awareness and encouraging cooperation and resource sharing among libraries, archives, museums and related institutions of the Pacific Islands.

The Saipan 2013 PIALA planning committee and the PIALA executive board are inviting interested folk throughout Micronesia, Polynesia, and Melanesia to register online and/or submit tailored presentation proposals online.

Registrations are due June 15, 2013, via email at: catherine.borja@cnmipss.org. Presentation proposals are due June 7, 2013, via email at: caalm670@gmail.com.

John O. Gonzales, executive director of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, PIALA treasurer, and 23rd PIALA Planning Committee chair, stated: "We invite people from our Pacific region to register and/or present, especially since this is the first time that PIALA will be held back-to-back with the [Pacific Educational Conference] to optimize joint professional development amongst educators across these institutions. We urge all to avail of every opportunity to learn new skills, expand our knowledge base, and strengthen our appreciation of the lifelong role that our libraries, archives, and museums play in nurturing our lives as community anchor institutions."

"We are especially excited that 25 of our own Pacific Islanders under the LEAP Program (Library Education for the U.S. Affiliated Pacific) will graduate with their masters in library sciences at the end of these joint conferences, thanks to the collaboration of PIALA, PREL, and the University of North Texas with National Leadership Grant funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services."

The 22nd PIALA conference, held last year in Guam, focused on the implementation of new technologies in the information service professions. This year's theme, "Our Libraries, Archives & Museums (LAMS): Bridging Our Past with Our Future," seeks to explore the connections between local history and providing patron services in the modern era. Delegates and presenters in the LAMS fields or regional history are strongly encouraged to participate.

The 2013 Sa'ipan PIALA planning committee includes Kathy Borja Flores of Dandan Elementary School, Lynette L. Villagomez of the Public School System, Christopher Todd and Greg P. Sablan of the Northern Marianas College, and Gonzales. Inquiries can be directed to the Commonwealth Association of Archives, Libraries and Museums at caalm670@gmail.com. More information, including the call for papers and registration form, can be found at https://sites.google.com/site/pialaorg/. ***(PIALA)***


**Job Vacancy Announcement**
**Audit Manager (1)**

Open: May 13, 2013
Closed: May 27, 2013
FLSA Status: Exempt

The CNMI Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) is looking for an Audit Manager. Detailed information about the qualification requirements for the position and employment application may be obtained at the OPA website: http://www.opacnmi.com.

Interested applicants must submit all the required information by mail, email, or hand delivery at the office/email addresses listed below. Submission must be marked confidential and must have the applicant's name and returned address.

**Office of the Public Auditor**
**1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill**
**P.O. Box 501399, Saipan MP 96950**
**Email: mail@opacnmi.com**

Century Finance Company, Ltd. is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

Accountant
Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work-related experience in a financing or commercial/credit loan business. Must be proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO and Loan Management Information Systems, MS Excel, Word and PowerPoint software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Century Finance Company, Ltd. office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Monday, May 27, 2013.

Century Finance Company, Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

General Maintenance Worker (4)
High school diploma or equivalent with experience in equipment and appliance repair. Must have some basic knowledge and troubleshooting experience in plumbing and electrical systems, masonry, carpentry, and other cleaning and general maintenance work inside and outside facilities. Must be able to lift and move heavy supplies and objects. Must be willing to work flexible hours.

Housekeeper (2)
High school diploma or GED Certificate. Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Must be available to work early mornings, late nights and weekends.

Messenger
High school graduate. Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Good oral and written communication skills and good driving skills are required. Must provide and maintain own vehicle for work and must be available to work early mornings, late nights and weekends.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Monday, May 27, 2013.

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**NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION**
P.O. BOX 500514, Saipan, MP 96950-0514
Email: nmhc@nmhc.gov.mp • Website: http://www.nmhc.gov.mp

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**Opening Date:** April 29, 2013 **Closing Date:** May 17, 2013

**Position:** Receptionist
**Salary:** PL 18/01 – $13,052.98 to PL 18/05 ($15,870.10 P/A)
*(Starting salary will be determined by the qualifications of the appointee.)*

**Job Location:** NMHC Central Office, Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950

Detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information may be picked up, together with NMHC's employment application form, during regular working hours at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan during regular working hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

All applicants must complete and submit the NMHC Employment Application Form together with required documents that are listed in the Employment Application Package. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. NMHC and all its properties are drug-free zones; therefore, selected applicant will be subject to pre-employment drug screening.

Applicants are requested to submit their original application and supporting documents to the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 17, 2013, **OR MAILED AND POSTMARKED** no later than May 17, 2013, to the Corporate Director, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950.

It is the policy of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) that the merit system will be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by its personnel regulations and the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place of origin.

For inquiries, please contact Ms. Jocelyn C. Seman, Office Manager at (670) 234-9447/7689 or by email to officemanager@nmhcgov.net. NMHC is a fair housing agency and an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.

/s/ **JESSE S. PALACIOS**
Corporate Director


# Flashback

## A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

### May 15, 2004

#### CPA to sue delinquent vendors

The Commonwealth Ports Authority warned yesterday that non-paying vendors of the airport and seaport divisions will soon be facing lawsuits. The agency has already instructed its lawyers to begin legal proceedings against these vendors due to mounting uncollected receivables. In a report submitted Friday to the CPA board of directors, Deputy Director Reno Celis told members that the CPA Airport Division failed to collect some $580,578 from various vendors in the last 120 days, while the Seaport Division recorded $1.4 million worth of receivables under the same period. The Airport and Seaport Divisions' over 120-days account receivables amount to 59 percent and 92 percent of all the money owed by vendors as of April 30, 2004.

#### Governor thumbs down DNA testing bill

Gov. Juan N. Babauta has vetoed the measure that would make DNA testing an option in child support cases due to the high cost of DNA tests and because no money was set aside for this purpose under the proposal. At the same time, Senate Bill 14-11 would duplicate an existing section in the Uniform Parentage Act, Babauta said in his transmittal letter to Saipan and Northern Island Legislative Delegation chair Pete Reyes and House Speaker Benigno R. Fitial. "This is to inform you that I have disapproved [S.B. 14-11] which was passed by the 14th Legislature. Although the intent of the measure is commendable, it will duplicate an already existing section of the Uniform Parentage Act," he said.

### May 15, 2005

#### Power privatization to cost $364M over 20 years

The privatization of power in the CNMI would cost some $364 million over 20 years, based on an estimate by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. consultant, Harris Group. In a meeting at the House of Representatives Friday, Harris Group vice president Dennis Swann said that the cost would include the repair of the existing generating units, installation of two new 15 MW diesel units, and setting up the needed facilities to meet environmental regulations, among others. The cost of the needed upgrade of the existing power plants in Lower Base is estimated at $60 million. "This is one-time investment. Whether it's privatized or not, the engines require urgent repair," said Swann.

#### 'CUC losing 25 percent of power'

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is losing 25 percent of its generated power, translating to nearly $1 million in revenue loss a month, according to CUC officials and consultant Dennis Swann of Harris Group in a meeting with legislators Friday. Swann cited that in 2004, CUC's power plant 1 production reached 360,000 mwh while Power plant 4 produced 110,000 mwh. Total sales to customers during the year totaled 364,000 mwh only. Swann said the loss of power happens anywhere, but he said that CUC's loss rate is 50 percent higher than the norm. Responding to a question from Sen. Joseph Mendiola, Swann said that the "normal" rate of loss is about 13 percent.

### May 15, 2006

#### $40M CUC bond needed for privatization

Although it plans to privatize the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s power generation, the Fitial administration still sees the need to spend $40 million to fix CUC engines. "Before you sell a house, you want to fix it first. You want to make it attractive and saleable," said Gov. Benigno R. Fitial Friday in justifying his administration's plan to source $40 million revenue bonds from the NMI Retirement Fund for CUC. Part of a bill that the administration submitted to the House of Representatives over a week ago asks that the Retirement Fund purchase revenue bonds worth $40 million to help the financially bankrupt CUC repair its rundown power generation engines.

#### CDA sues borrower for $.4M debt, late charges

The Commonwealth Development Authority has sued a borrower who allegedly failed to pay a $.4 million debt plus accrued interest and late charges. CDA asked the Superior Court to issue a ruling declaring Francisco I. Babauta liable to pay a total of $440,612.78. CDA, through Vicente Salas law firm, demanded that Babauta’s mortgaged 752 square meters of land in San Roque be sold and all his mortgaged chattels and other security or accounts be seized. The plaintiff requested that the proceeds of the sale should be applied for payment.

# 7.0 quake near Agrihan; no tsunami

A 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck yesterday morning west of Agrihan, Northern Mariana Islands, but no tsunami warning was issued.

According to the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the quake hit at 10:33am 17 miles west of Agrihan and 247 miles north of Saipan.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center said the depth of the temblor was 566 kilometers and that a destructive tsunami was not generated based on earthquake and historical tsunami data.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center normally issues a notice of tsunami threat when the earthquake's magnitude is at least 6.0.

Marvin K. Seman, special assistant for CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, told *Saipan Tribune* that the earthquake had no impact due to its distance and depth.

Seman said the Northern Islands Mayor's Office also informed him that there was no reported damage on Agrihan and Pagan.

Seman said they are closely monitoring Pagan because of its volcano.

He said there was no imminent threat to the CNMI as a result of the earthquake.

The CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management will continue to monitor the situation. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### CCA board meeting on May 21

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be having a meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. ***(PR)***

### MHS, SSHS, KHS Class of '03 meeting today

The Marianas High School, Saipan Southern High School, and Kagman High School Class of 2003 is inviting all classmates to a mandatory meeting today, May 15, 2013, at 6:30pm at Rayna Camacho's residence On Capitol Hill. On the agenda is the upcoming joint 10th year reunion of 2003 classmates in July. For more information or directions, call Caroline Camacho at 789-3730, Rayna Camacho at 483-7769, or Ricky Itibus at 483-7104. ***(PR)***

### MHS Class of '93 reunion meeting

The Marianas High School Class of 1993 will be having a class reunion meeting on Friday, May 17, 2013, starting at 5:30pm at the Godfather's Beach Bar behind Fiesta Resort in Garapan. Class attendance is mandatory! If you have any questions, contact Maryann Borja-Arriola at 483-2279 or Vivian Sablan at 288-1129. ***(PR)***

### Notice to MHS graduating class

Marianas High School graduating seniors are being informed that your cap, gown, and tassels are in and available for pick up at the Main Office! Distribution schedule is as follows:

- Last names A – C : May 16
- Last names D – J : May 17
- Last names K – M : May 20
- Last names N – S : May 21
- Last names T – Z : May 22

Pick up times will be 7:30am to 8:30am and 3pm to 4:30pm. Full payment is required for your orders to be released. If you are not able to pay by the specified date, make arrangements with Ms. Tudela by calling the Main Office at 237-3206. ***(PR)***

### CK Head Start notices

For Chalan Kanoa Head Start parents, there will be a free Parent Education Training for parents of children 0 to 5 years old on May 20 to May 31, 2013, starting at 6pm, at the William S. Reyes Elementary School cafeteria. Call Mona at 483-4398 for more information. ***(PR)***

**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**
**Office of the Executive Director**

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
**CUC-RFP-13-020**

**DESIGN-BUILD RENOVATION OF CUC WAREHOUSE OFFICE AND STORAGE FACILITY**

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the Design-Build Renovation of CUC Warehouse Office and Storage Facility of the Commonwealth Utilities, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The selected A&E and Construction firm shall perform design and construction services for the renovation of the CUC Warehouse in Lower Base, Saipan. The firm must have experience on past design-build projects particularly on the island of Saipan.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **180 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

The RFP package may be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one set from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **May 9, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

**One (1) original and Five (5) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-13-020, Design-Build Renovation of CUC Warehouse Office and Storage Facility, Saipan"*, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **May 28, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

Statements of Qualifications will be evaluated, pre-qualified and selected based on the following criteria:

1. Familiarity and understanding of the CUC Warehouse staff daily activities
2. Qualifications and Experience of the A&E and the Contractor
   - o Proposed Methodology and Project Approach with Milestone Schedule
   - o Proposed Staffing and Experience
   - o List and Performance Recommendation on similar contracts, including the timeliness of the firms in meeting contract deadlines
   - o Present Workload and Availability

Proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This Request for Proposal and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations ss 50-50-301 & 305, Procurement of Construction and Architect-Engineering Services.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 13, 2013** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - manny.sablan@cucgov.org. with a copy to John Mafnas, CUC Warehouse Manager, via email john.mafnas@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so shall be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

**COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**
**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM- OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

## INVITATION TO BID
**ITB13-GOV-110**

### Purchase of Ground Maintenance Equipment & Tools

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, are soliciting sealed bids for the Purchase of Ground Maintenance Equipment & Tools.

The project package will be available Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A $25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing **no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on May 22, 2013** to Ms. Elizabeth Balajadia of the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB13-GOV-110"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, June 5, 2013**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. Saipan local time June 5, 2013**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **June 5, 2013** and must be received no later than **June 14, 2013**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, June 17, 2013**. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will opened at **10:30 a.m. Saipan local time, on June 5, 2013.**

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid bond of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations NMIAC Section 70-30.3-245.. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and

b) Under penalty of perjury, a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P & S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable asset are only:
1) Cash
2) US Government Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is sixty **(60)** calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars **($100.00)**, or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by sixty (60) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

It is the policy of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) to limit hiring to qualified US workers, as restricted by CNMI law, and that equal opportunity be given to all qualified US worker applicants regardless of age, sex or sexual orientation, religion, marital status, political status, veterans status, disability or place of origin.

**Opening Date:** 04/15/13 **Closing Date:** Continuous*

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| **JVA#13-001:** | Marketing Specialist III (Japan Market) |
| **Pay Level / Step:** | 29/01 – 29/08 |
| **Annual Salary:** | $21,506.41 – 30,246.74** |
| **Location:** | Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan |
| **JVA#13-003:** | Marketing Specialist II (China Market) |
| **Pay Level / Step:** | 27/01 – 27/07 |
| **Annual Salary:** | $19,511.46 - $26,131.39** |
| **Location:** | Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan |
| **JVA#13-004:** | Clerk III |
| **Pay Level / Step:** | 12/04 |
| **Annual Salary:** | $11,681.76 |
| **Location:** | Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan |
| **JVA#13-005:** | Community Projects Assistant |
| **Pay Level / Step:** | 17/01 – 17/08 |
| **Annual Salary:** | $12,431.54 - $17,482.77** |
| **Location:** | Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan |
| **JVA#13-006:** | Trades Helper |
| **Pay Level / Step:** | 11/05 – 11/06 |
| **Annual Salary:** | $11,681.76 - $12,264.90** |
| **Location:** | Marianas Visitors Authority, Tinian |

*If not filled, the vacancy announcement will be continued and applications will be reviewed every two weeks thereafter until the search is closed. Deadlines that fall on a non-business day will be extended to the next business day.
** The salary given will be determined by the qualifications of the appointee.

Interested persons may contact the Marianas Visitors Authority Office at (670) 664-3200/01 for more detailed information on position description. A completed application must be submitted together with the required documents for consideration until search is closed. A resume may be attached, but the application form must be filled out in full. MVA is an equal opportunity employer.

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## EDITORIAL

## Benghazi deserves real review

Whether the House investigation into the attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, is a political witch hunt aimed at former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and her possible run for president in 2016, as Democrats allege, or a principled effort to uncover a shocking scandal on par with Watergate, as Republicans seem to believe, further review of what happened that night in Libya appears to be a worthwhile pursuit.

That's not to suggest the American people should buy the narrative presented by Darrell Issa, chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, that there's been some grand, conspiratorial cover-up before, during or after that fateful night.

Indeed, when witnesses are allowed to speak freely of what they know of events and House Republicans aren't frothing at the mouth to try to spin matters in a preferred direction, the testimony can be compelling. That was certainly the case Wednesday when veteran Foreign Service officer Gregory Hicks described details of Sept. 11, 2012, from his perspective in Tripoli—including his frustrations with how it was handled.

But Issa and others were so anxious to tar and feather Clinton or President Barack Obama that they focused much of their effort on delivering prefabricated talking points and not on what should be the essence of their quest—determining what mistakes were made and how to secure U.S. consulates, embassies and missions from similar attacks in the future.

What was worth noting in Hicks' testimony, however, was the possibility that he was punished for cooperating with House investigators without a State Department lawyer present as well as his suggestion that the talk of the Benghazi attack being related to a protest had hurt U.S. interests—either by delaying an investigation or embarrassing the president of Libya. But neither possibility is exactly earth-shaking. Frankly, the most compelling explanation of the differing accounts so far is that some people not directly involved made some dumb mistakes and might have been influenced by some wishful thinking.

But that's not to suggest that the public should simply accept whatever the Obama administration has to say on the subject, or even the State Department's rather exhaustive follow-up report. Four Americans, including Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, were killed by terrorists who have not been brought to justice. A congressional investigation is warranted—if Republicans can bring themselves to make it fact-based and objective.

House Republicans need to understand that most Americans see the Benghazi attack and get angry chiefly at its perpetrators, not at Clinton, Obama or anyone else in the chain of command. If Issa can help bring those terrorists to justice, he will have the public's gratitude. If his goal is simply to take advantage of this tragedy to score political points, he is unlikely to stir much interest beyond the usual amen-corner of Fox News and its hyper-partisan ilk.

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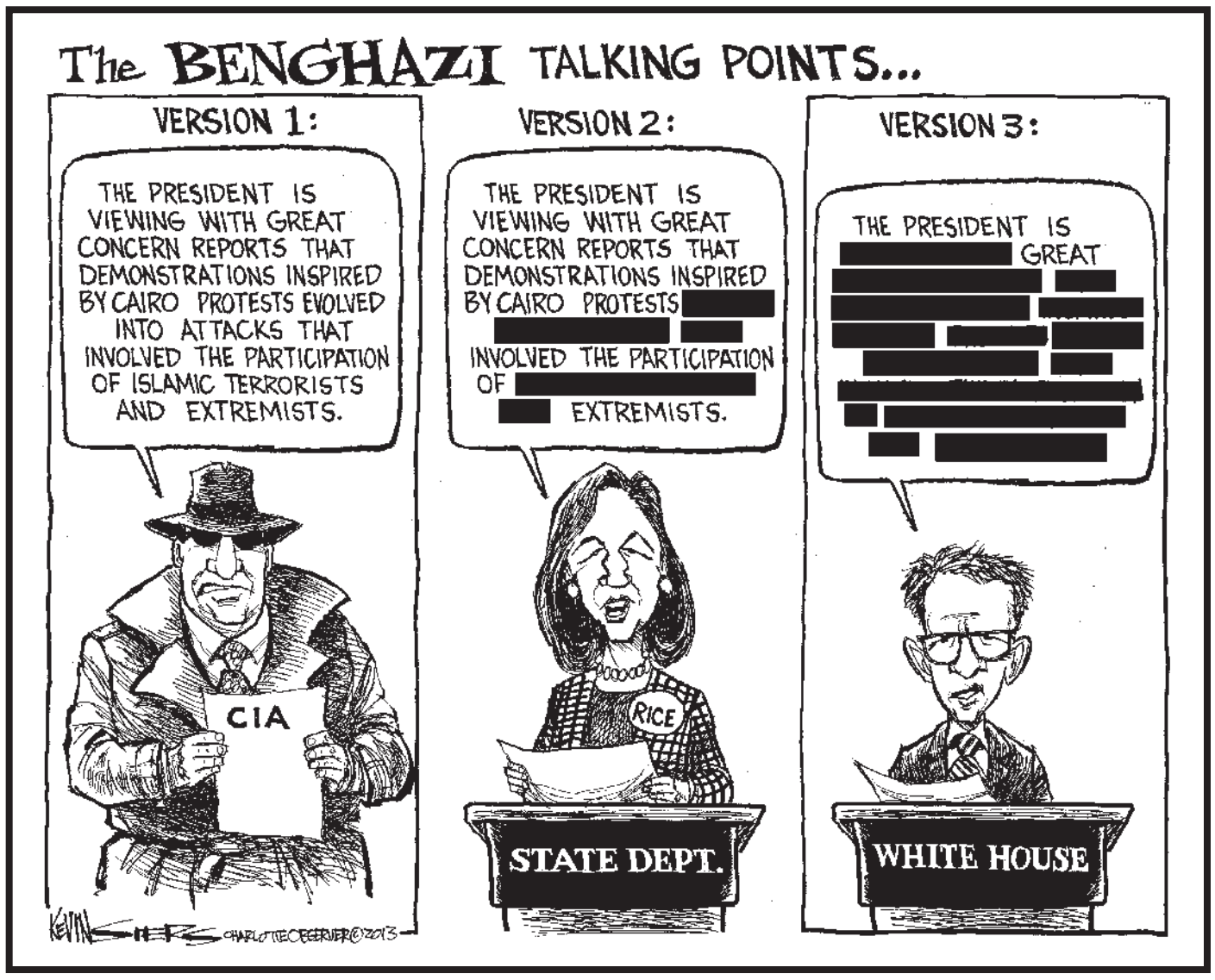
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CIA
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# River Elegy

**By JAIME VERGARA**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

*Jaime R. Vergara is an ordained minister of the United Methodist Church and was pastor of Saipan Immanuel UMC at the second millenium's turn. He now writes from China.*

At the tail end of the '80s, shortly before the Tiananmen incident, a controversial TV series in China titled *River Elegy* was seen as asserting that the Ming Dynasty's ban on maritime activities led to the rebuilding of a defensive "Great Wall" by Emperor Ying Zheng. Prior to this, the eunuch Admiral Zheng He took a flotilla of China's explorers and sailed the seas, reaching as far as East Africa.

The controversial book *1421, the Year China Discovered the World* by English author Gavin Menzies, went further to assert that by the time Columbus and Magellan hit the ocean lanes, cartographers had already mapped the terrain, with one clearly showing South Florida. Not only did mapmakers precede the Portuguese explorer, the book claims that the circumnavigation of the planet first took place a century before Magellan's. Though treated more by professionals as fictional rather than serious historical account, Menzies' book, nevertheless, made the NYT's bestseller list.

The China of Zheng He commanded considerable respect in the visited countries of Southeast Asia, South Asia, the Middle East, and East Africa, done from 1405 to 1434, but the succeeding emperor after Zheng He's death forbade any further maritime explorations, and more decisively, burned Zheng He's accounts. It will not be until the 20th century when the admiral's biography was published in 1905.

It is always a neat job to dichotomize cause-and-effect narratives into consequences and missed opportunities on the one hand, and the ecstasy of the unexpected and mysterious on the other.

The series allegedly claimed that the Han civilization centered between the rivers of the Huang He (Yellow River) and the Chiang Jiang (the Yangtze), became defensive with the Great Wall, and turned inward looking as an inland civilization. Forsaking attempts at conquest of other lands as would have been the consequence of a maritime civilization like that of Japan and western Europe (think British Empire), its isolation and self-content as being the Middle Kingdom *(Zhongguo)* led to its weakness in confronting European incursions such as the Opium War, foreign forces' intervention in domestic turmoil like the Boxer Rebellion, and Japan's invasion of Manchuria.

The series was subsequently banned since it triggered criticism of Chinese history while the beleaguered post-Tiananmen administration of Deng Xiaoping boldly soldiered on. The attempt at market economy was not quite accepted yet, and government's self-confidence still had to show the flair of self-reliance that the Hu Jintao and Wen Jiabao tandem demonstrated in the last generation of state leadership. President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang's focus on the China Dream is fueling the current one.

We have alluded to the dichotomy of the inland mindset from the maritime one in our distinction of Sparta's disciplined militant defensiveness in isolated streams and mountains, against the effusive adventures in space and in the mind of the maritime orientation of Athens that plied the Aegean and the Mediterranean. We have also characterized the orientations of the U.S. Pentagon (defense) and that of Foggy Bottom (state) as a difference between Sparta and Athens.

Move the difference into the personal level and we have folks who are beholden to the comfort and ease of the past, focused on zealously seeking blame when something does not turn out the way it is expected, and become effusively nostalgic for times that did. They often identify themselves as conservatives.

The other are those wide-eyed adventurers and entrepreneurs who do not hesitate to blaze new paths into the unknown, and relish the adrenaline rush of choosing to gamble one's sanity and being into previously uncharted courses. They often refer to themselves as progressives.

Using such differences in marking civilizational formation is always dangerous, as has occurred in the River Elegy TV series, but it is also a kind of a reminder of the type of behavioral conditioning we are prey to when we get stuck in one mode of acting at the expense, or worse, in active contradiction, of the other.

I was once told of the same distinction between the Chamorro and the Carolinian, with the Chamorro choosing productive inland farms over Carolinian's lackadaisical lounging in the ocean breeze by the lagoon, carving their canoes in season and dreaming of distant destinations in foul and fair weather.

We scan the Chinese landscape and note that there are those who choose the *mahjong* table against those who staff the machine shops, and we can distinguish those who depend on fairies and good fortune from those who eke things out from the human element of choice.

That is finally what may be gleaned from the lesson of *River Elegy.* We had been known to uproariously guffaw at the hilarity of history and be playful with the promises of prophecy, but life is finally lived in the here-and-now. Our lives are not predestined by causes, though they contribute to its unraveling, or to happy chances that are welcomed when they occur, but are shaped by choices. So we refer back to my listen-repeat line in class: This is the day we have. We can live this day, or, throw it away. This is the day we have!

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# Debate: Major revenue contraction

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All eyes are on fund juggling amidst a listless economy paralyzed by major revenue contraction in recent past. This as needs skyrocket while the means to pay for them heads steadily the other way.

Significant issues include queries like how do we pay for pension and health cost for members of the Fund that seriously threaten money for other basic necessities?

The deepening paralysis yearns for lasting answers that are nowhere in sight. Most of suggested recommendations are too shortsighted to resolve this and other longstanding issues with finality.

Pension and health insurance have bankrupted most county, city, and state governments throughout the country. The NMI isn't an exception. How do we salvage a fiscal colossus we've treated with a ten-foot pole for over three decades?

Answer? It boils down to taking another critical review of our spending habits. The pile of debts can't be treated with acquiescence, i.e., good, old-fashioned *mañana*. This is prohibited by the NMI Constitution.

The fiscal temblor keeps getting deeper and louder by the day.

## Pomp and circumstance

Between now and next month, the graduating class throughout high schools and NMC would happily march to pomp and circumstance. Each deserves to be happy for his/her achievement.

When all is said and done, you probably would sit alone pondering about jobs prospects out in the real world. You quiz if the education you just attained has really prepared you for jobs in private industries.

What if I were head of a hi-tech firm searching for talented young people equipped with computer literacy who are conversant in computer code. Would you look under your belt to see if this requirement is intact? If not, is it your fault that you don't have it?

Obviously this isn't your fault but that of the system that isn't fully equipped with the requisite non-core courses and instructors to guide your preparation for life after campus. I'm not being a reckless observer on this issue but one that is in dire need of collective review by all key players in order to define and refine our educational system.

That PSS and NMC are in charge of the education of our children they should put their best foot forward to enlist the participation and support of all key players in the organization of a fully thought-out socio-economic plan for these isles. A blueprint for economic growth is a must lest we turn to second-guessing our future in perpetuity. This can't go on forever. Must hold the beast by the horn so we define policies in all sectors.

## Storm of uncertainty

Hailing from an archipelago that is resource-poor, turning an already difficult task of planning for an island economy turns this task into a disorienting issue through and through.

But the lack of a plan presents an even stronger environment of uncertainty at every level of the NMI community. We spout of tourism making a strong comeback. Is it really improving or such assertion perceptual at best, riddled with more second-guessing at worse?

Why isn't there a fully organized plan for farming and fisheries development beyond conventional wisdom? Have we studied such issues as the taste of consumers on such items like cucumber, veggies, and fruits? Did we forget that friends from the Land of the Rising Sun hail from a country where farming and fishing are their forte?

Why are local meat products harder to chew than chewing gum? Yet we live with this setback for over 70 years, right? Has anyone lifted a finger to improve livestock quality? Is conventional farming better than exploring T-farming? Would not this form of gardening eliminate the inclement weather while it guarantees year-round vegetable production?

What have we done to revive investments? Have we done our homework reviewing policies that have created more uncertainty? Isn't it time to look into the current excise tax system and policies that discourage rather than encourage investment? Isn't it true that revenue generation has contracted significantly? Do we ignore it or move forward proactively to ease pennies, nickels, and dimes from being completely flushed out at the floodgates of neglect? It's a difficult task and piles upon itself for as long as we defer to intoning "make the world go away". Well, it begins with the self. Have a nice day! *Si* JR.

# Divorce can't be just the pursuit of happiness

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I'm an immigration lawyer by profession. It makes its way into the conversation every month or so, either directly (as when I'm pleading with my conservative friends to realize that branding someone "illegal" is a political death wish) or indirectly (as when I use examples from my own life to point out how hypocritical the left is—and has always been—about human rights.) That column I wrote comparing the young Pakistani girl shot through the head by the Taliban to condom crusader Sandra Fluke garnered inclusion in the Atlantic's "50 Worst Articles of 2012." I couldn't be prouder.

So you shouldn't be surprised that I'm going back to the immigration well to prove a point that, frankly, has nothing to do with immigration.

Last week, I was talking to an acquaintance about a case I had involving a woman who'd been beaten by her husband (while pregnant) and was desperate to get out of the relationship. Unfortunately, she wasn't legally in the United States, and her prince of a spouse was using her immigration status to blackmail her. He threatened to call the authorities if she left him, promising that she'd be deported if she tried to escape.

Fortunately, she had the presence of mind to call a friend, who called another friend, who called me (that is how most immigration lawyers are found, which I am sure will make my friends in the classified department grit their teeth but it's the truth.) After I explained to her that there was a way to obtain legal protection through what we in the business call a Battered Spouse Petition, she had the courage to leave her despicable spouse.

When I told the acquaintance about these events, she nodded solemnly and said "Thank God for no-fault divorce." Not quite understanding her point (since we were talking about saving a woman's life, not dividing up communal assets) I said, "Divorce has nothing to do with this. The woman was being abused."

And this is where the non-immigration part of my pseudo-immigration column starts. My acquaintance started to go on about how, yes, it's important for abused women to be able to get divorced and "isn't it fantastic!" that it's a lot easier than it used to be. But, she continued, a person doesn't have to be in fear of her life to walk out of a bad situation.

I asked her what she meant by "bad." She said that any relationship that doesn't make us happy is a relationship that deserves to end.

This is where it got interesting. Never having been married myself, I can't presume to be an expert on the topic of connubial bliss. I can, however, comment upon what happens when some people decide that being happy is more important than honoring your commitments, than trying to work it out, than having more compassion for your kids than concern for your comfort.

I've met a number of people over the years who think that they are "entitled" to be happy. It is quite true that the Declaration of Independence guarantees the right to pursue happiness, but there is that implicit understanding that it can't be had at the expense of someone else. Unfortunately, the enlightened masses of the 21st century believe that it's much better to walk out of a situation that no longer fits than to make an effort to salvage it, all because we are convinced that those who live in our orbit will be happy if we, ourselves, are happy.

I can't tell you how many times I've had to bite my tongue when some recently-separated man or woman tells me they aren't worried about the effect a divorce will have on the children. To them, the little ones will be so much better off if Mummy and Pops are smiling. These people are not stupid. They're not even brainwashed by the pseudo-psychologists who sit on Oprah and Rachel and Katie's couches and tell us that "for better and for worse" is masochistic.

These people really believe that their own welfare is at the center of the universe, and that getting a divorce is no different than getting a mole removed. If you don't like the way something looks or feels, you simply cut it out. And if you have kids, well, they'll get used to it because they love you.

That didn't wash with the great Nora Ephron, a brilliant social observer. Here's what she had to say about the effects of divorce on children:

"(People) say things like, It's better for children not to grow up with their parents in an unhappy marriage. But unless parents are beating each other up, or abusing the children, kids are better off if their parents are together."

That's quite a radical thought these days. Pretty sad, huh?

# Benjamin Franklin: Defense witness for Bradley Manning

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Bradley Manning should call Benjamin Franklin to his defense.

Any day now, a military court will sentence Manning, possibly to life in prison, for leaking confidential documents. Government prosecutors charge that Manning aided the enemy by collaborating with WikiLeaks.

Ben Franklin knew a thing or two about the importance of circulating sensitive information. Back in 1773, he played a crucial role in leaking private letters written by the royal governor of Massachusetts. What proved so embarrassing to the British Empire was the letters' disclosure that people in high places secretly believed "there must be an abridgement" of the liberties that American colonists enjoyed.

The letters became a smoking gun for colonists, proof that Parliament had been plotting all along to place unprecedented restrictions upon American freedoms. Up and down the Atlantic seaboard, as news of the letters spread, more than a few people living in British North America began to question their status as imperial subjects.

In the battle over public opinion, the stolen letters that Franklin transmitted to the Sons of Liberty were a decisive weapon for American patriots such as Sam Adams.

Just as Manning sought out WikiLeaks to publish information that he felt citizens had the right to know, Franklin turned to a group of American radicals to spread the secret doings of an empire.

Like Manning, Franklin was soon under investigation for what many in Britain viewed as an act of treachery. He worried that he might wind up in the infamous Newgate prison in London.

The portrait of Franklin that emerged from the show trial orchestrated by Britain's Privy Council bears no resemblance to the image we now have of this Founding Father. Dishonorable, scheming, faithless: This is what detractors in Parliament called Franklin.

We hear echoes of those calls today in reports that vilify Manning as an "angry gay traitor," to quote pundit Ann Coulter.

Franklin pretended not to understand what all the fuss was about. In his words, he had merely acted as a "public messenger" in the belief that Americans in the 18th century had the right to know that British officials were involved in intrigues that threatened the very principles of good government.

So, too, Manning has taken up the thankless task of delivering messages to the public. His disclosures have allowed Americans in the 21st century—and others worldwide—to attempt an honest appraisal of the military and diplomatic operations that are being conducted in the name of freedom.

For long periods, Manning was held in solitary confinement.

But he was not alone. His historical double, Ben Franklin, was right there with him. They both took risks believing that people's access to information determines the quality of public life.

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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. |
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## Micronesia

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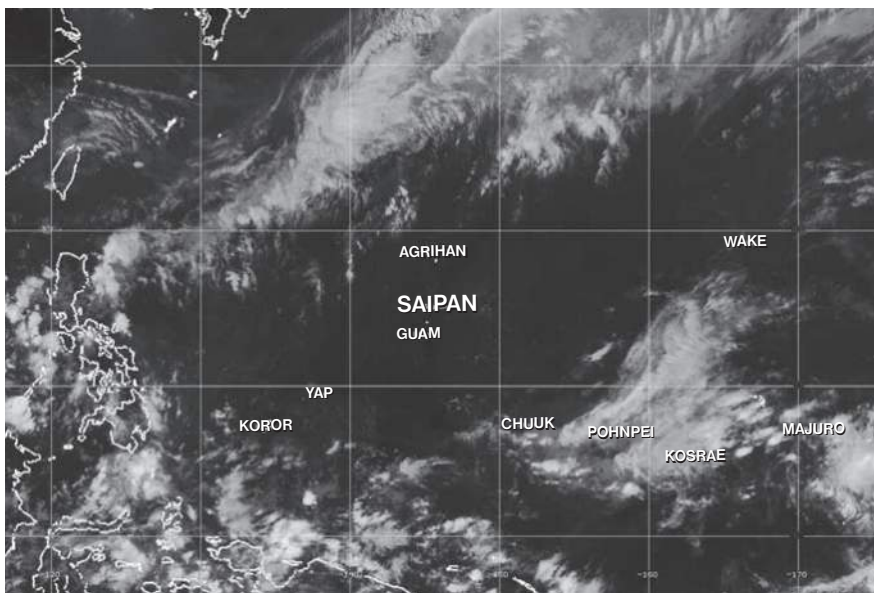
|---|---|---|---|
| Guam and Rota | Mostly Sunny | ▲90 | ▼82 |
| Palau | Thunderstorms | ▲88 | ▼77 |
| Yap | Partly Cloudy | ▲92 | ▼77 |
| Chuuk | Showers | ▲88 | ▼81 |
| Pohnpei | Showers | ▲87 | ▼80 |
| Kosrae | Showers | ▲87 | ▼80 |
| Majuro | Showers | ▲87 | ▼80 |

## Around The Globe

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Mostly Sunny | ▲66 | ▼62 |
| Beijing | Cloudy | ▲80 | ▼58 |
| Hong Kong | Thundershowers | ▲81 | ▼78 |
| Honolulu | Partly Cloudy | ▲85 | ▼74 |
| London | Partly Cloudy | ▲57 | ▼45 |
| Los Angeles | Partly Cloudy | ▲74 | ▼60 |
| Manila | Thundershowers | ▲89 | ▼83 |
| Melbourne | Showers | ▲59 | ▼49 |
| Miami | Mostly Sunny | ▲82 | ▼71 |
| New York | Showers | ▲66 | ▼60 |
| Osaka | Partly Cloudy | ▲70 | ▼57 |
| Paris | Cloudy | ▲61 | ▼47 |
| Pusan | Windy | ▲66 | ▼56 |
| Rome | Rain | ▲71 | ▼62 |
| Salem | Partly Cloudy | ▲67 | ▼52 |
| San Francisco | Mostly Sunny | ▲64 | ▼55 |
| Seoul | Partly Cloudy | ▲78 | ▼54 |
| Tokyo | Showers | ▲75 | ▼60 |
| Washington, DC | Partly Cloudy | ▲83 | ▼67 |

## Yesterday's Satellite Image




**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2013**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough extends from 2N160E to 7N162E. An upper-level low is centered north of Pohnpei near 14N157E. The combination of these two features is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across portions of Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae states between 2N and 7N from 151E to 156e and between 2N and 9N from 156E to 165E. Trade-wind convergence is generating an area of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across much of the Marshall Islands or between 2N and 8N from 165E to 180. Low-level convergence is causing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Palau and Yap or between the equator and 4N from 130E to 150E. Convergent south winds are producing scattered showers northwest of the Marianas along and 200 miles north of a line that extends from 25N140E to 18N130E.

## Tides

**Saipan Harbor**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12:37 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 1.8 Feet |
| 6:21 AM | Today | High Tide: | 1.2 Feet |
| 10:49 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 1.6 Feet |
| 6:13 PM | Today | High Tide: | 0.0 Feet |

## Sunrise/Sunset

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|---|---|---|
| Today | 5:48 AM | 6:38 PM |
| Thursday | 5:48 AM | 6:39 PM |
| Friday | 5:48 AM | 6:39 PM |
| Saturday | 5:48 AM | 6:39 PM |
| Sunday | 5:47 AM | 6:40 PM |

## Moonrise/Moonset

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|---|---|---|
| Today | 9:44 AM | 10:46 PM |
| Thursday | 10:33 AM | 11:28 PM |
| Friday | 11:22 AM | |
| Saturday | 12:12 PM | 12:08 AM |
| Sunday | 1:02 PM | 12:49 AM |

*Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.*

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| UA5062 | 4:50am | 5:40am | 1, 3, 5 |
| UA5068 | 8:35am | 9:25am | Daily |
| UA5074 | 11:20am | 12:10pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA5076 | 3:10pm | 4:00pm | Daily |
| UA5078 | 6:55pm | 7:45pm | Daily |
| UA5072 | 9:45pm | 10:35pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)**

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| DL287 | 6:05am | 8:45am | Daily |
| DL297 | 4:35pm | 7:25pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)**

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| OZ608 | 3:10am | 6:20am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)**

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| OZ606 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| OZ606 | 2:55am | 6:35am | 1 |
| OZ604 | 3:30pm | 6:55pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)**

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| 3U8648 | 6:10am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)**

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| MU764 | 4:10am | 8:00am | 1, 5 |

**SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)**

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| 3U8646 | 4:20am | 7:30am | 2, 6 |

**SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)**

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| SYL9950 | 6:40pm | 1:30am+1 | 7 |

**SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)**

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| OZ606/701 | 2:55am | 11:05am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ606/701 | 2:50am | 11:05am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA5070/191 | 4:35am | 9:55am | 6 via GUM |
| UA5062/191 | 4:50am | 9:55am | 3 via GUM |
| DL287/173 | 6:05am | 10:05pm | Daily via NRT |
| UA5068/PR111 | 8:35am | 4:35pm | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |
| US5074/PR111 | 11:20am | 4:35pm | 1, 5, 7 via GUM |
| UA5076/183 | 3:10pm | 8:45pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA5076/183 | 3:10pm | 8:50pm | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| OZ604/703 | 3:30pm | 10:45pm | Daily via ICN |

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| OZ604/745 | 3:30pm | 10:40pm | Daily via ICN |

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| UA5071 | 7:15am | 8:05am | Daily |
| UA5073 | 10:00am | 10:50am | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA5075 | 1:45pm | 2:35pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA5077 | 5:35pm | 6:25pm | Daily |
| UA5079 | 8:20pm | 9:10pm | Daily |

**ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN**

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| UA5062 | 3:45am | 4:20am | 1, 3, 5 |
| UA5038 | 11:15am | 11:50am | 6 |

**NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN**

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| DL298 | 10:25am | 3:05pm | Daily |
| DL288 | 8:15pm | 12:50am+1 | Daily |

**BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN**

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**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**

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| OZ603 | 8:50am | 2:20pm | Daily |
| OZ605 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ605 | 8:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |

**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**

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**BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN**

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**GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN**

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| 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 |

**KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN**

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| SYL9949 | 12:45pm | 5:20pm | 7 |

**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**

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| PR110/UA5072 | 7:55am | 6:25pm | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |
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| UA190/5077 | 10:55am | 6:25pm | 3, 6 via GUM |
| UA190/5079 | 10:55am | 9:10pm | 3, 6 via GUM |
| OZ702/605 | 12:15pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
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| OZ746/603 | 12:30am | 2:20pm | Daily via ICN |
| OZ722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| UA180/5071 | 10:45pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 5 via GUM |
| UA180/5071 | 10:50pm | 8:05am+1 | 3, 6 GUM |

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air.

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Guam–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 7:30 | 8:00 | Daily |
| **Rota–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 8:20 | 8:50 | Daily |
| **Guam–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 300 | 17:00 | 17:30 | Daily |
| **Rota–Saipan** | 17:50 | 18:20 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 200 | 9:30 | 10:00 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | 10:20 | 10:45 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 18:55 | 19:25 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 19:40 | 20:10 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Tinian** | | | |
| FRE 101 | 6:45 | 6:55 | Daily |
| FRE 103 | 7:30 | 7:40 | Daily |
| FRE 105 | 8:00 | 8:10 | Daily |
| FRE 107 | 8:40 | 8:50 | Daily |
| FRE 109 | 9:10 | 9:20 | Daily |
| FRE 111 | 10:45 | 10:55 | Daily |

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| FRE 115 | 13:00 | 13:10 | Daily |
| FRE 117 | 14:30 | 14:40 | Daily |
| FRE 119 | 16:00 | 16:10 | Daily |
| FRE 121 | 16:40 | 16:50 | Daily |
| FRE 123 | 17:40 | 17:50 | Daily |
| FRE 125 | 18:30 | 18:40 | Daily |
| **Tinian–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 102 | 7:05 | 7:15 | Daily |
| FRE 104 | 7:50 | 8:00 | Daily |
| FRE 106 | 8:20 | 8:30 | Daily |
| FRE 108 | 9:00 | 9:10 | Daily |
| FRE 110 | 10:00 | 10:10 | Daily |
| FRE 112 | 11:05 | 11:15 | Daily |
| FRE 114 | 12:00 | 12:10 | Daily |
| FRE 116 | 13:30 | 13:40 | Daily |
| FRE 118 | 14:50 | 15:00 | Daily |
| FRE 120 | 16:20 | 16:30 | Daily |
| FRE 122 | 17:00 | 17:10 | Daily |
| FRE 124 | 18:05 | 18:15 | Daily |
| FRE 126 | 18:50 | 19:00 | Daily |

# Ryukyu dancers perform at rain-soaked Taste

The heavy downpour put a damper on the performance of traditional Ryukyu dances at the 15th Annual Taste of Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden last Saturday.

However, while the nasty weather resulted in far less members of the community trooping to the American Memorial Park for the festivities, Nenpou Shinkyo Buddhist sect's dancers soldiered on and performed, to the delight of the sparse crowd in attendance that included Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

Garbed in colorful kimonos and regal headwear that were a stark contrast to the gloomy rain-soaked evening, the dancers moved to the rhythmic sounds of traditional Ryukyu music entwined with the pitter-patter of the torrential downpour.

During costume changes, the six dancers would exit right to a van parked as close as possible to the stage.

In all, Nenpou Shinkyo dancers performed a total of four categories of traditional Ryukyu dances—classical dance, popular dances, folk dances, and creative dance.

Ayako Matsumoto, former Saipan resident who accompanied the group to Saipan, said that Nenpou Shinkyo brings traditional dances to Saipan as part of its pilgrimage to the island to pray for peace and honor casualties from World War II.

"Nenpou Shinkyo Buddhist will bring traditional dance groups from various cities of Japan in order to dedicate this offering through dance every year. This year, representatives from Okinawa will perform tonight for us," she said before introducing the dancers.

She pointed out that many Okinawans lived on Saipan before World War II and "we'd like to share the feeling of respect to all persons who lost their lives and the victims of casualties of World War II."

Inos apologized for the heavy rain, saying the denomination members weren't able to enjoy the culture and food of the Northern Marianas more profoundly because of the wet weather, which rendered the pathways between food stalls into muddy trails.

Inos promised Okeya and the group that they will "order the best weather" next year when Nenpou Shinkyo returns for its annual visit to the islands. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

# Partners hailed for participation in Adopt-A-Place

SAIPAN TRIBUBE

Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council members, led by chair Ramon B. Camacho, right, pose with its Adopt-A-Place partners last Thursday after giving out certificates of appreciation to them at the municipal council's office in Chalan Kanoa.

Before it turns over the reins of roadside cleanup drives to the Department of Public Works, the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council had one last hurrah by handing out certificates of appreciation to partners of its Adopt-A-Place program.

In a ceremony held Thursday morning at the municipal council's office in Chalan Kanoa, its officials—chair Ramon B. Camacho, vice chair and secretary Antonia M. Tudela, and council member Diego L. Kaipat—handed over certificates of appreciation to 15 community and business partners in attendance.

Businesses and organizations that got certificates of recognition were Taro Sue Store, Farmer's Association, Life In Son Church, Northern Islands Mayor staff, Jesus Is Lord Church, Marpac Distributor Co., ABC Rent A Car/Ace Auto Glass, Grace Christian Academy, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Group, Priority Care Group, ERICCO Group, Aldan Family Group, DEQ Group, Danny Buniag and Family, and Laly 4 Community.

Eleven other business and community groups that are part of Adopt-A-Place were not able to send representatives to the ceremony but will also be given their certificates.

Camacho assured partners that DPW taking over the responsibility of cleanup drives along highways through its Adopt-A-Highway program should not necessarily signal the death knell for the municipal council's Adopt-A-Place program.

Instead of highways and roadsides, Adopt-A-Place or its reincarnation can now refocus its energies toward cleaning up the inner villages of Saipan, he said.

Board of Regents member William Torres, meanwhile, said the controversy surrounding Adopt-A-Place and Adopt-A-Highway is just a matter of wording and implored partners to continue to care for the environment by conducting their periodic cleanups, since tourism is the islands' lifeblood and tourists don't like to visit "a dirty destination."

Jesus Is Lord Church and Life In Son Church pastors Raffy Armia and Eric Abragan, respectively, vowed that they will continue to support the Adopt-A-Place program.

Beginning May 6, DPW took over the responsibilities of and exercise jurisdiction over the erstwhile Adopt-a-Place program, which brings together private companies and other community groups by allowing them to maintain designated public places while instilling a sense of ownership and care among participants.

The decision to combine the council's program with that of DPW is because the latter was awarded a grant to purchase the signs for Adopt-a-Highway. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**NEW BOARD MEMBER**

▲ Gov. Eloy S. Inos congratulates Theodore Parker, newly sworn-in member of the Healthcare Profession Licensing Board after taking the oath of office on Monday at the Office of the Governor.

## STUDENT AWARDEE

▶ Daniel Q. Taitano, a former student of Rota Junior High School and currently attending Borah High School in Boise, Idaho, was recently awarded the prestigious "Senator's Choice Award" by the Boise State Legislature for academic excellence, leadership, attitude, and sports. Taitano is the son of Albert and Agnes Taitano from Rota and the grandson of former representative Daniel O. Quitugua from Saipan. Taitano, who is a straight "A" student, is also a football player, playing the position of a linebacker for the Borah Lions Varsity Football Team for Borah High School. Taitano plans to attend Boise State University and major in business and law.

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## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy 9th birthday to our princess, Maria Maelaine! Through God's grace, may your day be filled with abundant joy, laughter, and fun. Greetings come from Mommy, Daddy, Angelo, Kenzie, Derence, and the Igitol and Benjamin families.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy 11th birthday to the world's greatest big sister, daughter, and young lady, Loutricia Santos! We love you very much! May you have many more wonderful birthdays to come! Our wish for you is to love life and never stop dreaming! May beauty and happiness surround you today and always!

# Business

# Huge drug cost disparities seen in health overhaul

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Cancer patients could face high costs for medications under President Barack Obama's health care law, industry analysts and advocates warn.

Where you live could make a huge difference in what you'll pay.

To try to keep premiums low, some states are allowing insurers to charge patients a hefty share of the cost for expensive medications used to treat cancer, multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis and other life-altering chronic diseases.

Such "specialty drugs" can cost thousands of dollars a month, and in California, patients would pay up to 30 percent of the cost. For one widely used cancer drug, Gleevec, the patient could pay more than $2,000 for a month's supply, says the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

New York is taking a different approach, setting flat dollar copayments for medications. The highest is $70, and it would apply to specialty drugs as well.

Critics fear most states will follow California's lead, and that could defeat the purpose of Obama's overhaul, because some of the sickest patients may be unable to afford their prescriptions.

AP

In this May 3, 2013 photo, Daniel N. Mendelson, CEO of data analysis firm Avalere Health, which caters to the healthcare industry and government, poses for a photograph at their Washington office.

"It's important that the benefit design not discriminate against people with chronic illness, and high copays do that," said Dan Mendelson, president of Avalere Health, a data analysis firm catering to the health care industry and government.

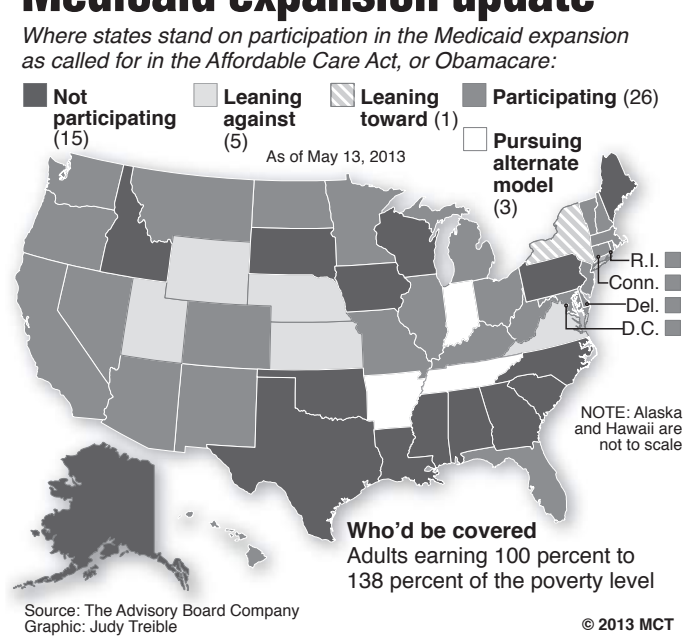
Avalere's research shows that 1 in 4 cancer patients walks away from the pharmacy counter empty-handed when facing a copay of $500 or more for a newly prescribed drug.

"You have to worry about a world where if you happen to contract cancer or multiple sclerosis, you are stuck with a really big bill," Mendelson said. "It's going to be very important for states to take a long, hard look at their benefit design."

Although the money for covering uninsured Americans is coming from Washington, the heath care law gives states broad leeway to tailor benefits, and the local approach can also allow disparities to emerge.

A spokesman for Covered California said state officials are trying to balance between two conflicting priorities: comprehensive coverage and affordable premiums.

"We are trying to keep the insurance affordable across the board," said Dana Howard, the group's spokesman.


Medicaid expansion update
Where states stand on participation in the Medicaid expansion as called for in the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare:
Not participating (15)
Leaning against (5)
Leaning toward (1)
Participating (26)
Pursuing alternate model (3)
As of May 13, 2013
R.I.
Conn.
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NOTE: Alaska and Hawaii are not to scale
Who'd be covered
Adults earning 100 percent to 138 percent of the poverty level
Source: The Advisory Board Company
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## Delta to return more than $1B to shareholders over next three years

DELTA

**ATLANTA**—In a broad financial plan released May 8, Delta Air Lines announced a balanced capital deployment program aimed at creating up to $5 billion of value for shareholders, including returning more than $1 billion to shareholders over the next three years.

As part of this program, Delta's board of directors has initiated a quarterly dividend and declared a $0.06 per share dividend for shareholders of record as of Aug. 9, 2013. This dividend will be paid on Sept. 10, 2013. In addition, the Board has authorized a $500 million share repurchase program, to be completed no later than June 30, 2016. Together, these two programs are designed to return more than $1 billion of capital to shareholders over the next three years.

"Delta's financial performance and balance sheet have strengthened considerably over the past five years and the Board believes the company is now in a position to begin returning cash to our shareholders," said Daniel Carp, chairman of Delta's board of directors. "The board's shareholder return program makes a long-term commitment to our shareholders with the implementation of an ongoing quarterly dividend, while also providing flexibility to return additional cash to shareholders through the share repurchase program."

### Comprehensive financial plan

Since 2009, Delta has made significant investments in its people, product and service, while improving its earnings and generating $4 billion of free cash flow. That free cash flow has been dedicated to strengthening the company's balance sheet. As a result, Delta's adjusted net debt has fallen from $17 billion at the end of 2009 to just under $12 billion at the end of 2012. The company expects to achieve its $10 billion adjusted net debt target by the end of 2013.

"Delta's strategy has resulted in a solid financial foundation for our company, tremendous improvements in our fleet, facilities, products and technology, as well as top-notch operational reliability and service to our customers," said Richard Anderson, Delta's chief executive officer. "The capital deployment plan unveiled today furthers our commitment to becoming the airline of choice for our employees, customers and shareholders."

In an investor presentation, Delta outlined a comprehensive, five-year financial plan. The plan focuses on free cash flow generation through a combination of expected earnings improvements and a disciplined approach to capital investment. Over the next five years, the company plans to reinvest $2 billion to $2.5 billion annually, or approximately 50 percent of its operating cash flow, into improving the company's fleet, facilities, products and technology. The resulting free cash flow will be used to return cash to shareholders, further reduce the company's debt, and address longer-term pension funding needs, driving up to $5 billion of value to Delta's shareholders. ***(Delta Air Lines)***

## Govt obtains wide AP phone records in probe

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The Justice Department secretly obtained two months of telephone records of reporters and editors for The Associated Press in what the news cooperative's top executive called a "massive and unprecedented intrusion" into how news organizations gather the news.

The records obtained by the Justice Department listed outgoing calls for the work and personal phone numbers of individual reporters, for general AP office numbers in New York, Washington and Hartford, Conn., and for the main number for the AP in the House of Representatives press gallery, according to attorneys for the AP. It was not clear if the records also included incoming calls or the duration of the calls.

In all, the government seized the records for more than 20 separate telephone lines assigned to AP and its journalists in April and May of 2012. The exact number of journalists who used the phone lines during that period is unknown, but more than 100 journalists work in the offices where phone records were targeted, on a wide array of stories about government and other matters.

In a letter of protest sent to Attorney General Eric Holder on Monday, AP president and chief executive officer Gary Pruitt said the government sought and obtained information far beyond anything that could be justified by any specific investigation. He demanded the return of the phone records and destruction of all copies.

"There can be no possible justification for such an overbroad collection of the telephone communications of The Associated Press and its reporters. These records potentially reveal communications with confidential sources across all of the newsgathering activities undertaken by the AP during a two-month period, provide a road map to AP's newsgathering operations and disclose information about AP's activities and operations that the government has no conceivable right to know," Pruitt said.

## Big retailers back safety accord in Bangladesh

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Some of the world's largest retailers have agreed to a first-of-its-kind pact to improve safety at some of Bangladesh's garment factories following a building collapse that killed more than 1,100 workers in the country last month.

The move comes just days shy of a deadline imposed by workers' rights groups that said they would hold street protests and otherwise increase pressure on clothing brands that did not sign the agreement by Wednesday.

H&M, a trendy Swedish chain that's the largest clothing buyer in Bangladesh, on Monday said that it would sign a five-year, legally binding factory safety contract. Within hours, C&A of the Netherlands, British retailers Tesco and Primark, and Spain's Inditex, owner of the Zara chain, followed.

The agreement requires that the companies conduct independent safety inspections, make their reports on factory conditions public and cover the costs for needed repairs. It also calls for them to pay up to $500,000 annually toward the effort, to stop doing business with any factory that refuses to make safety upgrades and to allow workers and their unions to have a voice in factory safety.

**LEADING INDICATORS**

| DOW | S&P | NASDAQ |
|---|---|---|
| 15,091.68 | 1,633.77 | 3,438.79 |
| 26.81 | 0.07 | 2.21 |
| -0.18% | +0.00% | 0.06% |

**EXCHANGE RATES**

In U.S. dollar terms

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Australian Dollar | 1.0012 | Hong Kong Dollar | 7.7597 | Philippine Peso | 41.2118 |
| British Pound | 0.6529 | Indian Rupee | 54.6541 | Singapore Dollar | 1.2377 |
| Canadian Dollar | 1.0099 | Indonesian Rupiah | 9735.05 | South Korean Won | 1108.1 |
| Chinese Yuan | 6.1475 | Japanese Yen | 101.4347 | Swiss Franc | 0.9535 |
| Euro | 0.7686 | Malaysian Ringgit | 2.9869 | Taiwan Dollar | 29.827 |
| | | New Zealand Dollar | 1.2058 | Thailand Baht | 29.6391 |

# Nation

## Obama tries to swat down two swirling controversies

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—President Barack Obama tried to swat down a pair of brewing controversies Monday, denouncing as "outrageous" the targeting of conservative political groups by the federal IRS but angrily denying any administration cover-up after last year's deadly attacks in Benghazi, Libya.

Simultaneous investigations—and demands by Republicans for more—have put the White House on the defensive, emboldened GOP lawmakers and threatened to overtake a second-term Obama agenda already off to a rocky start.

During a joint news conference with British Prime Minister David Cameron, the normally even-keeled Obama appeared agitated over the resurgent investigation into the September attack at a U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi. He dismissed the Republican-driven effort as a "sideshow" that dishonors the four Americans who were killed, including Ambassador Christopher Stevens.

Obama

"There's no there there," Obama declared in his first public comments since GOP lawmakers launched new hearings on the matter. "The fact that this keeps on getting churned up, frankly, has a whole lot to do with political motivations."

Seeking to keep another controversy from spinning out of control, the president rebuked the IRS for scrutinizing the tax-exempt status of groups with conservative titles such as "Tea Party" or "Patriot" in their names. Those responsible, Obama said, must be held "fully accountable."

"I've got no patience with it," he added. "I will not tolerate it and we will find out exactly what happened."

The president said he first learned of the matter Friday when it was reported by news organizations. Spokesman Jay Carney said later that the White House counsel's office was alerted on April 22 that the IRS inspector general was completing a review of an IRS office in Cincinnati.

Neither issue appears to be going away any time soon. On Monday, Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, asked authors of an independent government review into the Benghazi attack to meet privately with committee investigators. And the House Ways and Means Committee said it plans to hold a hearing on the IRS matter on Friday.

## Philly abortion doctor guilty in 3 babies' deaths

**PHILADELPHIA** (AP)—An abortion doctor was convicted Monday of first-degree murder and could face execution in the deaths of three babies who were delivered alive and then killed with scissors at his grimy, "house of horrors" clinic.

In a case that became a grisly flashpoint in the nation's abortion debate, Dr. Kermit Gosnell, 72, was also found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the overdose death of an abortion patient. He was cleared in the death of a fourth baby, who prosecutors say let out a whimper before the doctor cut the spinal cord.

Gosnell, who portrayed himself as an advocate for poor and desperate women in an impoverished West Philadelphia neighborhood, appeared hopeful before the verdict was read and calm afterward.

The jury reached its verdict on its 10th day of deliberations. It will return May 21 to hear evidence on whether Gosnell should get the death penalty.

Gosnell attorney Jack McMahon called it a "very difficult case" to defend and said there was "a little bit of feeling on the defense part of what salmon must feel swimming upstream."

"There's a lot of emotion. You have the baby factor, which is a big problem. The media has been overwhelmingly against him," he said. But noting that Gosnell was cleared on some of the charges, McMahon said the jurors "obviously took their job seriously."

AP
Dr. Kermit Gosnell is escorted to a waiting police van upon leaving the Criminal Justice Center in Philadelphia, Monday, May 13, 2013, after being convicted of first-degree murder in the deaths of three babies who were delivered alive and then killed with scissors at his clinic.

Prosecutors looked elated, but District Attorney Seth Williams declined comment until after the sentencing phase, citing a gag order.

Former clinic employees testified that Gosnell routinely performed illegal abortions past Pennsylvania's 24-week limit, that he delivered babies who were still moving, whimpering or breathing, and that he and his assistants dispatched the newborns by "snipping" their spines, as he referred to it.

"Are you human?" prosecutor Ed Cameron snarled during closing arguments. "To med these women up and stick knives in the backs of babies?"

Gosnell was also convicted of infanticide, racketeering and more than 200 counts of violating Pennsylvania's abortion laws by performing third-term abortions or failing to counsel women 24 hours in advance. The courtroom was locked for more than 30 minutes as the verdicts were read and the jurors polled one by one.

His co-defendant, former clinic employee Eileen O'Neill, was convicted of taking part in a corrupt organization and illegally billing for her services as if she were a licensed doctor.

The jury foreman let out big sigh before the verdicts were read and looked stressed. Another juror was seen crying.

The gruesome details came out more than two years ago during an investigation of prescription drug trafficking at Gosnell's clinic. Investigators said it was a foul-smelling "house of horrors" with bags and bottles of fetuses, including jars of severed feet, along with bloodstained furniture, dirty medical instruments, and cats roaming the premises.

## Police ID suspect in New Orleans mass shooting

**NEW ORLEANS** (AP)—Police late Monday identified a 19-year-old man as a suspect in the shooting of about 20 people during a Mother's Day parade in New Orleans, saying several people had identified him as the gunman captured by surveillance camera videos.

Superintendent Ronal Serpas said officers were looking for Akein Scott of New Orleans. He said it was too early to say whether he was the only shooter.

"We would like to remind the community and Akein Scott that the time has come for him to turn himself in," Serpas said at a news conference outside of police headquarters.

A photo of Scott hung from a podium in front of the police chief. "We know more about you than you think we know," he said.

AP
New Orleans Police Superintendent Ronal Serpas present a photo of 19-year-old Akien Scott who is wanted in the Mother's Day shootings during a news conference in front of police headquarters in New Orleans, Monday, May 13, 2013.

The mass shooting showed again how far the city has to go to shake a persistent culture of violence that belies the city's festive image. Earlier, police announced a $10,000 reward and released blurry surveillance camera images, which led to several tips from the community.

"The people today chose to be on the side of the young innocent children who were shot and not on the side of a coward who shot into the crowd," Serpas said.

The superintendent said SWAT team members and U.S. marshals served a searched warrant at one location looking for Scott, but didn't locate him.

He vowed that police would be "looking for Akein Scott for the rest of the night and tomorrow... and I would strongly recommend that Akeim turn himself in."

Angry residents said gun violence—which has flared at two other city celebrations this year—goes hand-in-hand with the city's other deeply rooted problems such as poverty and urban blight. The investigators tasked with solving Sunday's shooting work within an agency that's had its own troubles rebounding from years of corruption while trying to halt violent crime.

"The old people are scared to walk the streets. The children can't even play outside," Ronald Lewis, 61, said Monday as he sat on the front stoop of his house, about a half block from the shooting site. His window sill has a hole from a bullet that hit it last year. Across the street sits a house marked by bullets that he said were fired two weeks ago.

"The youngsters are doing all this," said Jones, who was away from home when the latest shooting broke out.

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Wis. boy gets handwritten response from Biden

**MILWAUKEE** (AP)—It might not be unusual for schoolchildren to write to the president or vice president. But one Wisconsin boy got an unexpectedly personal response. The 7-year-old, second-grade student at Downtown Montessori Academy wrote a letter to Vice President Joe Biden and other officials a few months ago with a simple idea for making the world safer. His teacher Jenny Aicher says his letter suggested that if guns shot chocolate bullets, no one would get hurt. The student—and the rest of the school—got a surprise Monday when Biden's handwritten response arrived in the mail. In the note, the vice president says he agrees that chocolate bullets would make the country safer and happier. The note concludes with, "People love chocolate. You are a good boy, Joe Biden."

### Saudi man traveling with pressure cooker arrested

**DETROIT** (AP)—A Saudi man was arrested at Detroit Metropolitan Airport after federal agents said he lied about why he was traveling with a pressure cooker, but his nephew said Monday that it was all a misunderstanding about a device he simply wanted for cooking. Two pressure cookers were used in last month's Boston Marathon bombings. Hussain Al Khawahir was being held in Detroit on allegations of lying to Customs and Border Protection agents and of using a passport with a missing page. He was arrested Saturday. His nephew, Nasser Almarzooq, told The Associated Press that he had asked his uncle to bring him the pressure cooker so he could make lamb. The college student said two pressure cookers he bought in the U.S. were "not good at all," and said the ones available in Saudi Arabia are higher quality.

### Vermont House passes aid-in-dying bill

**MONTPELIER, Vt.** (AP)—The Vermont House approved a measure Monday night that would allow doctors to provide lethal medication to terminally ill patients seeking to end their own lives. If Gov. Peter Shumlin—a strong supporter of the bill—signs on, Vermont will join Oregon, Washington and Montana as states allowing physicians to provide deadly doses of medication to dying patients who seek it. The vote was a reversal of the defeat of similar legislation in the House in 2007 and marked the first time any legislature in the country had seen such a measure all the way to passage. By a 75-65 roll call vote, the House approved a bill largely copies a law passed by Oregon voters in 1997 for three years and then shifts to a system with less government monitoring. The measure had passed in the Senate by a vote of 17-13.

# Asia

# Ex-Philippine president leading in race for Manila

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Former Philippine President Joseph Estrada was leading in the vote-count for mayor of Manila on Tuesday in what could be his first elected post since he was ousted in a 2001 revolt on corruption charges.

In other partial results following Monday's congressional and local polls, nine senatorial candidates backed by President Benigno Aquino III took an early lead against three candidates backed by an opposition coalition. About half the votes have been reported so far, and if the trend continues, the win will ensure support for Aquino's remaining three years in office.

Elections Commission Chairman Sixto Brillantes said he expects turnout of 70 percent. More than 52 million voters registered to elect 18,000 officials, including half of the 24-member Senate, nearly 300 members of the House of Representatives and leaders of a Muslim autonomous region in the south, where Islamic insurgents and militants are a concern.

Estrada was capitalizing on his movie-star popularity, particularly among the poor masses, and urban decay in Manila, the historical heart of the Philippine capital along Manila Bay. Once a lively tourist spot, the streets of Manila have become neglected, many popular establishments moved out and residents complain of crime.

Incumbent Mayor Alfredo Lim, a former city police chief, once had a reputation as a tough crime fighter nicknamed "Dirty Harry." He was backed by Aquino in his bid to keep his job against Estrada's movie-star charm. Both men have skeletons in their closets. Estrada was removed in the military-backed uprising and later convicted of corruption then pardoned, and under Lim's watch, eight Hong Kong tourists were killed by a hostage-taker in 2010 in a bungled police rescue.

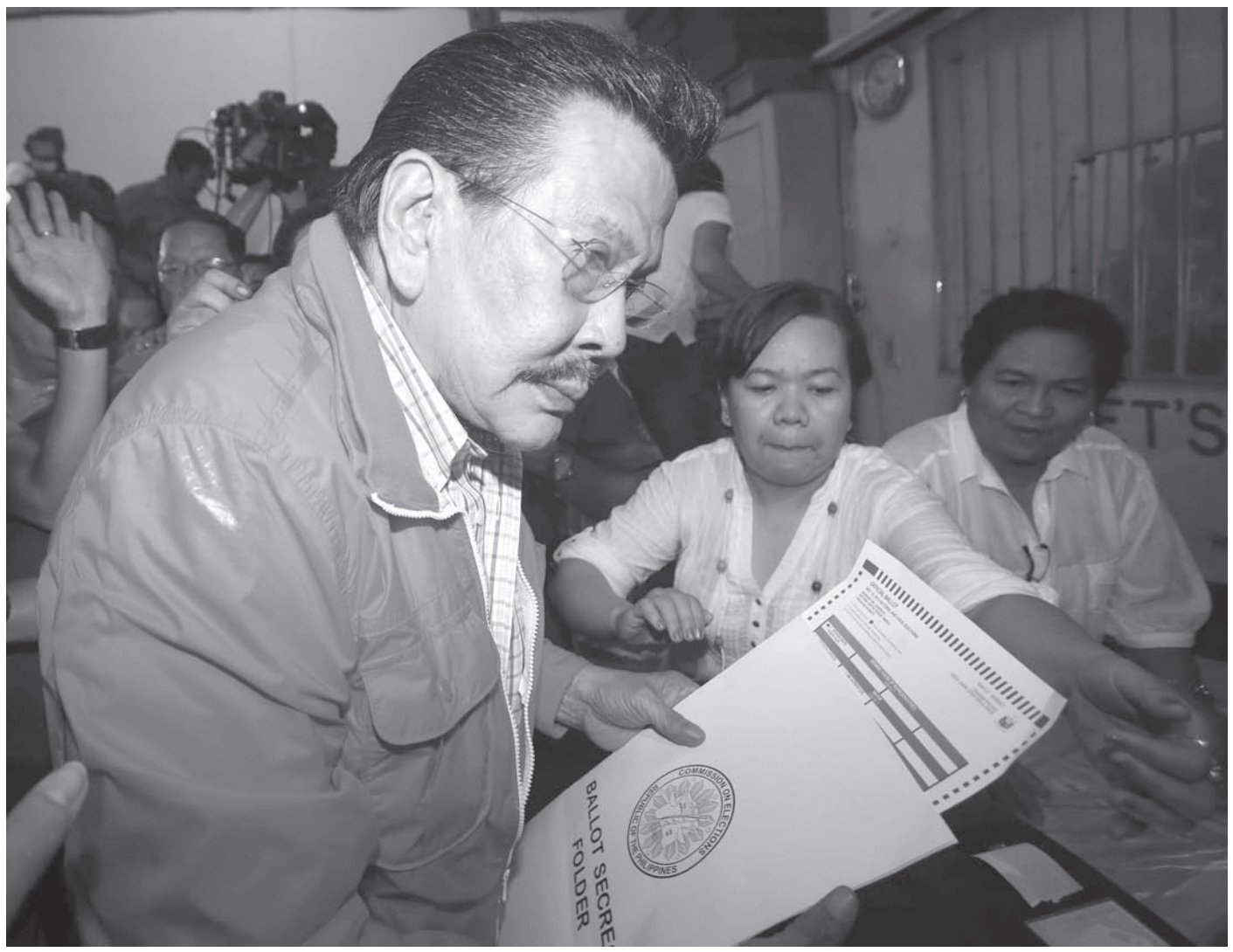
Estrada, 78, said Tuesday he felt vindicated. "'It's my consolation that people still have trust in me despite all the black propaganda thrown at me," he said.

Lim refused to concede and with 96 percent of the votes counted, it was a close race and with a difference of 30,427 votes.

The outcome of the midterm polls will determine the level of support for Aquino's reforms. He has been praised at home and abroad for cracking down on widespread corruption, backing key legislation and concluding an initial peace agreement with Muslim rebels.

But he cannot run for re-election in 2016 and his endorsement of a candidate to succeed him, who will be expected to continue on the same reform path, will depend on the new political landscape.

The Aquino administration is confident they will maintain the majority in the House and the focus of the electoral battle was on the Senate, traditionally a springboard for the presidency, said Ramon Casiple, head of the Institute for Political and Electoral Reform.



AP

Former Philippine President Joseph Estrada, who is running for mayor of Manila, prepares to enter his vote at a school used as a voting center during mid-term elections in Manila, Philippines on Monday, May 13, 2013.

## Search ends in Bangladesh; death toll put at 1,127

**SAVAR, Bangladesh** (AP)—Several of the biggest Western retailers embraced a plan that would require them to pay for factory improvements in Bangladesh as the three-week search for victims of the worst garment-industry disaster in history ended Monday with the death toll at a staggering 1,127.

Bangladesh's government also agreed to allow garment workers to form unions without permission from factory owners. That decision came a day after it announced a plan to raise the minimum wage in the industry.

The collapse of the eight-story Rana Plaza factory building April 24 focused worldwide attention on hazardous conditions in Bangladesh's garment industry, where workers sew low-cost clothing that ends up on store shelves around the globe, including the U.S. and Western Europe.

The tragedy came months after a fire at another garment factory in Bangladesh killed 112 workers.

Swedish retailing giant H&M, the biggest purchaser of garments from Bangladesh; British companies Primark and Tesco; C&A of the Netherlands; and Spain's Inditex, owner of the Zara chain, said they would sign a contract that requires them to conduct independent safety inspections of factories and cover the costs of repairs.

The pact also calls for them to pay up to $500,000 a year toward the effort and to stop doing business with any factory that refuses to make safety improvements.

Two other companies agreed to sign last year: PVH, which makes clothes under the Calvin Klein, Tommy Hilfiger and Izod labels, and German retailer Tchibo. Among the big holdouts are Wal-Mart Stores, which is the second-largest producer of clothing in Bangladesh behind H&M, and Gap.

## Japanese mayor: Wartime sex slaves were necessary

**TOKYO** (AP)—The Japanese military's forced prostitution of Asian women before and during World War II was necessary to "maintain discipline" in the ranks and provide rest for soldiers who risked their lives in battle, an outspoken politician said in comments raising ire with Japan's neighbors.

Hashimoto

Asian countries that bore the brunt of Japan's wartime aggression have long complained that Japan has failed to fully atone for wartime atrocities.

Speaking Monday, young, brash Osaka Mayor Toru Hashimoto, who is also co-leader of an emerging conservative political party, also told reporters there wasn't clear evidence that the Japanese military coerced women to become what are euphemistically called "comfort women."

"To maintain discipline in the military, it must have been necessary at that time," said Hashimoto. "For soldiers who risked their lives in circumstances where bullets are flying around like rain and wind, if you want them to get some rest, a comfort women system was necessary. That's clear to anyone."

Historians say up to 200,000 women, mainly from the Korean Peninsula and China, were forced to provide sex for Japanese soldiers in military brothels.

An unidentified South Korean government official told Yonhap news agency it was disappointing that a senior Japanese official "made comments supportive of crimes against humanity and revealed a serious lack of a historical understanding and respect for women's rights."

## ASIAN BRIEFS

### Taiwanese protest killing by Philippine forces

**TAIPEI, Taiwan** (AP)—About 200 Taiwanese protested outside the Philippine representative office in Taipei on Monday against the killing of a Taiwanese fisherman by the Philippine coast guard in disputed waters. Burning Philippine flags and waving banners with messages such as "You can't kill our people, you can't insult our country," the demonstrators demanded that Manila apologize for the incident last Thursday in the Bashi Strait in which Philippine coast guard personnel opened fire on a Taiwanese fishing vessel, killing Hung Shih-cheng, 65. The strait is between Taiwan and the northern Philippines. With more than 75 police officers in attendance, Monday's demonstration was peaceful. President Ma Ying-jeou has given the Philippines until Tuesday to apologize for the incident and provide compensation to the dead man's family. If the Philippines refuses, Ma has said he will order Taiwanese representatives in Manila back to Taipei and deny Filipinos permission to work in Taiwan.

### HRW: Sex workers in China subject to police abuse

**BEIJING** (AP)—Police in China frequently beat, torture and arbitrarily detain suspected sex workers, often with little or no evidence that they engaged in prostitution, Human Rights Watch said in a report Tuesday calling on the government to discipline abusive officers. Officers sometimes detain women only on the basis of their carrying condoms, thus deterring their use among sex workers and increasing the risk of spreading HIV, the group said. The government officially views prostitution as an "ugly social phenomenon" and the solicitation, sale and purchase of sex in China are illegal. However, despite frequent government crackdowns, prostitution remains rampant and sexual services are openly offered in massage parlors, karaoke bars and nightclubs. Human Rights Watch says they interviewed women who told of violence by police and of being detained following sex with undercover police officers.

### Pakistan's Sharif sends mixed message to US

**RAIWIND, Pakistan** (AP)—Pakistan's presumptive prime minister said Monday that he wants good relations with the United States but criticized American drone strikes on militants as a violation of the country's sovereignty - perhaps hinting the government's grudging compliance may change. A devout Muslim and a populist, Nawaz Sharif is expected to supplant President Asif Ali Zardari as the international face of Pakistan following his party's resounding victory in Saturday's election. He is set to rule over a nuclear power whose increasing instability and Islamic militant havens are a global concern, especially at a time when the West is looking to end the war in neighboring Afghanistan. The 63-year-old Sharif often hit out at the U.S. in statements while lobbying for votes, and he accused the outgoing government ruled by the Pakistan People's Party of selling out the country's sovereignty in exchange for U.S. aid.

# World

# Deadly bomb strikes civilian area in east Libya

**TRIPOLI, Libya** (AP)—A deadly car bomb exploded Monday near a hospital in a busy area packed with civilians in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi, destroying part of the facility, officials said.

Officials gave conflicting casualty figures, with death tolls ranging from three to 10 in the chaotic aftermath of the attack.

Benghazi, which was the birthplace of the revolution that led to the ouster of dictator Moammar Gadhafi, has suffered a series of assassinations and other attacks, including the Sept. 11 assaults on the U.S. diplomatic mission that killed Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans.

The oil-rich North African nation is still largely dominated by militias, many including fighters who battled Gadhafi's forces during the 2011 civil war, and many attacks are blamed on them as infighting is rampant in the battle for control.

AP

In this image made from pool video provided by APTN, Libyan men inspect a destroyed car at the scene of a car bomb explosion in Benghazi, Libya, Monday, May 13, 2013.

But witnesses and analysts put renewed pressure on an already embattled Ministry of Interior to reign in the revolutionary brigades," he added, referring to militias.

said Monday's explosion stood out because it struck during the day in a crowded area, putting civilians at risk.

"The bombing is significant in that it is the first that targets civilians," Frederic Wehrey of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace said in an email.

"The bombing is going to

The blast took place on Beirut Street, a residential and shopping area in Libya's second-largest city and quickly drew protesters to the streets to call for stronger security measures. Other vehicles on the street were destroyed, and the windows of nearby buildings were shattered.

Jalaa hospital, just a few hundred meters (yards) away from the explosion, had been protected for months by Ansar al-Shariah, an extremist group that disbanded its work as a militia following protests by Benghazi residents after the attack on Stevens. The hospital is now secured by a mix of militias and special army forces.

Libyan Prime Minister Ali Zidan acknowledged the government was in part to blame for the instability and lawlessness that continue to plague the North African nation 19 months after Gadhafi was captured and killed.

"Authorities did not take adequate precautions," he said in remarks carried live on Libya's al-Ahrar TV channel.

Zidan, who did not take questions from reporters, said that Libya is still trying to create a security force capable of tackling such attacks.

It was not immediately clear who was behind the attack. Zidan suggested it could be Gadhafi supporters or "other factions"—leaving the door open for a range of groups.

In New York, the U.N. Security Council " condemned in the strongest terms the deadly attack" and "underlined the need to bring the perpetrators of this act to justice." It urged all countries to cooperate with Libyan authorities to pursue the case.

Fathi al-Ubaidi, a top commander of Libya Shield, an umbrella group of militias aligned with the military, said one man was arrested but refused to give further details.

Small protests erupted in Benghazi and Tripoli after the attack, with people chanting: "Where is the army" and "Oh Zidan, oh Zidan, the Libyan people's blood is everywhere."

Witnesses and other residents said the daytime explosion was unusual since past attacks have occurred at night and have targeted police stations or foreign missions.

"The mood is bad because the explosion took everybody by surprise," said International Crisis Group consultant Claudia Gazzini, who was in Benghazi. "People in Benghazi see this as a turning point because it is the first time to see an indiscriminate attack with civilian casualties."

Dr. Habib Mohammed el-Obeidy said three bodies had been brought to Benghazi's main Jalaa Hospital after the explosion that struck just outside its doors. He blamed the confusion over the number of dead on the fact that body parts were brought in in several bags, making a final casualty figure difficult to assess.

He also said there was no security on the street.

# Builders bulldoze big Mayan pyramid in Belize

**BELIZE CITY** (AP)—A construction company has essentially destroyed one of Belize's largest Mayan pyramids with backhoes and bulldozers to extract crushed rock for a road-building project, authorities announced on Monday.

The head of the Belize Institute of Archaeology, Jaime Awe, said the destruction at the Nohmul complex in northern Belize was detected late last week. The ceremonial center dates back at least 2,300 years and is the most important site in northern Belize, near the border with Mexico.

"It's a feeling of Incredible disbelief because of the ignorance and the insensitivity ... they were using this for road fill," Awe said. "It's like being punched in the stomach, it's just so horrendous."

Nohmul sat in the middle of a privately owned sugar cane field, and lacked the even stone sides frequently seen in reconstructed or better-preserved pyramids. But Awe said the builders could not possibly have mistaken the pyramid mound, which is about 100 feet tall, for a natural hill because the ruins were well-known and the landscape there is naturally flat.

"These guys knew that this was an ancient structure. It's just bloody laziness", Awe said.

Photos from the scene showed backhoes clawing away at the pyramid's sloping sides, leaving an isolated core of limestone cobbles at the center, with what appears to be a narrow Mayan chamber dangling above one clawed-out section.

"Just to realize that the ancient Maya acquired all this building material to erect these buildings, using nothing more than stone tools and quarried the stone, and carried this material on their heads, using tump lines," said Awe. "To think that today we have modern equipment, that you can go and excavate in a quarry anywhere, but that this company would completely disregard that and completely destroyed this building. Why can't these people just go and quarry somewhere that has no cultural significance? It's mind-boggling."

AP

In this image released by Jaime Awe, head of the Belize Institute of Archaeology on Monday May 13, 2013, a looks at the damaged sloping sides of the Nohmul complex, one of Belize's largest Mayan pyramids on May 10, 2013 in northern Belize.

Belizean police said they are conducting an investigation and criminal charges are possible. The Nohmul complex sits on private land, but Belizean law says that any pre-Hispanic ruins are under government protection.

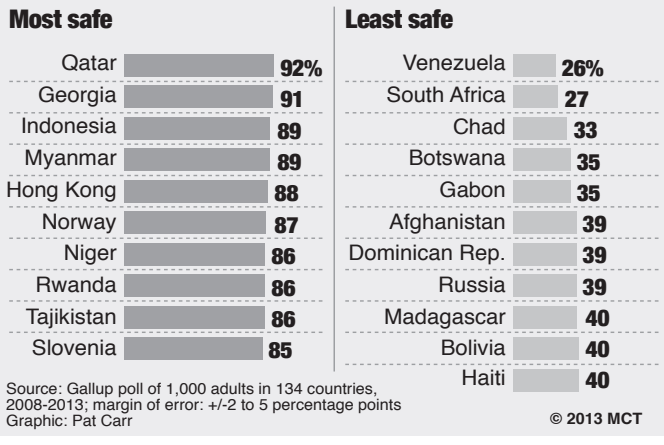
The Belize community-action group Citizens Organized for Liberty Through Action called the destruction of the archaeological site "an obscene example of disrespect for the environment and history."

It is not the first time it's happened in Belize, a country of about 350,000 people that is largely covered in jungle and dotted with hundreds of Mayan ruin sites, though few as large as Nohmul.

Norman Hammond, an emeritus professor of archaeology at Boston University who worked in Belizean research projects in the 1980s, wrote in an email that "bulldozing Maya mounds for road fill is an endemic problem in Belize (the whole of the San Estevan center has gone, both of the major pyramids at Louisville, other structures at Nohmul, many smaller sites), but this sounds like the biggest yet."

## Feeling safe, unsafe

*Percentage of people who said they feel safe walking alone at night where they live, according to a Gallup poll:*




Source: Gallup poll of 1,000 adults in 134 countries, 2008-2013; margin of error: +/-2 to 5 percentage points
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## WORLD BRIEFS

### 3-man space crew returns safely to Earth

**MOSCOW** (AP)—A Soyuz space capsule carrying a three-man crew returning from a five-month mission to the International Space Station landed safely Tuesday on the steppes of Kazakhstan. Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield, American Thomas Marshburn, and Russian Roman Romanenko landed as planned southeast of the town of Dzhezkazgan at 8:31 a.m. local time Tuesday (10:31 p.m. EDT Monday night). Live footage on NASA TV showed the Soyuz TMA-07M capsule slowly descending by parachute onto the sun-drenched steppes under clear skies. Russian search and rescue helicopters hovered over the landing site for a quick recovery effort. Rescue teams moved quickly to help the crew in their bulky spacesuits exit through the narrow hatch of the capsule. They were then put into reclining chairs to start adjusting to Earth's gravity after 146 days in space.

### Attacks on Sunni mosques fuel fears in Iraq

**BAGHDAD** (AP)—A sharp rise in attacks on Sunni holy sites in Iraq is feeding fears that the country could spiral into a new round of sectarian violence similar to the bloodletting that brought Iraq to its knees in 2006 and 2007. Majority Shiites control the levers of power in post-Saddam Hussein Iraq. Wishing to rebuild the nation rather than revert to open warfare, they have largely restrained their militias over the past five years or so as Sunni extremist groups such as al-Qaida have targeted them with occasional large-scale attacks. That may now have changed. If it turns out that Iranian-backed Shiite militias are responsible for the recent attacks on Sunnis, it could signal a turn toward cyclical retaliatory violence. At least 29 Sunni mosques were attacked between mid-April and early May, according to Mahmoud al-Sumaidaie, the deputy head of Iraq's Sunni Endowment, which oversees the sect's holy sites.

### Poll shows favorable views of EU in sharp decline

**BRUSSELS** (AP)—Positive views of the European Union by its citizens are near all-time lows. And no EU country is plunging faster into the abyss of gloom than France. Germans are broadly perceived as being the most trustworthy Europeans—but also the least compassionate. Britons, often seen as deeply skeptical of the benefits of EU membership, are in fact split right down the middle—46 percent to 46 percent—over whether to leave the union or stay in it. Those are among the findings of a new poll of eight EU countries by the Washington, D.C.-based Pew Research Center. They show that Europe's long wallow in the economic doldrums is taking a toll on the credibility of national leaders and of the EU as an institution. By wide margins, people in Greece, Italy and Spain think integration has weakened their economies. Yet, for all the protests against cuts, a majority in five of the eight countries thinks the best way to solve their economic problems is by cutting government spending. And leave the euro? Forget about it. Strong majorities in all five euro-using countries surveyed favor keeping it rather than returning to their previous currencies.

# Campus Life

## NMC Honor Society inducts 20 new members

NMC

NMC Phi Theta Kappa Spring 2013 inductees, members, keynote speaker Galvin Deleon Guerrero, NMC president Sharon Hart, Ph.D., and adviser Larry Lee following their recent induction ceremony.

The Northern Marianas College Beta Lambda Psi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society celebrated the induction of twenty new members into the Society on Saturday, April 13. Family, friends, PTK members and adviser Larry Lee, NMC president Sharon Hart, Ph.D., and Associated Students of NMC vice president Richard Pizarro joined in the festivities at the Pacific Islands Club Charley's Cabaret to honor the new inductees.

In order to qualify for membership in Phi Theta Kappa, students must maintain a 3.5 cumulative grade point average, in addition to serving and contributing to the Commonwealth through various community service and leadership activities.

The 17 newest full members include students from the accounting, business, computer applications, hospitality management, education, nursing, and liberal arts majors. They are So Young Ahn, Juliana Arriola, Bradwell Batallones, Jenny Lynn Cabrera, Jonne Roger Cadua, Celestial Jewel Dela Cruz, Cinderella Cuengco, Su Jin Jeon, Jin Young Jeong, Yumin Jun, Hyo Jeong Kim, Kathleen Ann Laurio, Laraine Manimtim, Keneisha Parks, Lani Russell, Elvielynn Santos, and Miracle Villones. Also welcomed into the chapter were three new provisional members: Vanessa Espinosa, Jian Joyner, and Coquina Teregeyo.

The induction ceremony was carried out by current PTK president Stacey Demapan, vice president Olivia Leung, recording secretary Beatrice Mesngon, membership secretary Harrison Smith, public relations officer Derek Leung, treasurer Geraldine Hofschneider, and faculty adviser Larry Lee.

Mount Carmel School principal and former NMC director of Institutional Effectiveness Galvin Deleon Guerrero served as the keynote speaker for the evening, and he inspired the audience with a very motivating keynote address. The formal induction ceremony was followed by a buffet.

An international organization, Phi Theta Kappa has recognized academic excellence, leadership, and service in two-year colleges since 1918. It is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1.5 million members and 1,200 chapters located in the 50 United States, U.S. territories, Canada, and Germany.

Phi Theta Kappa's mission is twofold: to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students; and to provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming.

For additional information about the NMC chapter, its membership, or activities, contact chapter president Demapan or adviser Lee for further information. ***(NMC)***

## Rota school marks National Teachers Appreciation Week

Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja teachers have their picture taken with Rota first lady Estrella Mendiola, Rev. Fr. Charlie Borja, school board members, and PTO officers in celebration of Teachers Appreciation Week.

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Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja joined schools around the country and the National Parent Teacher Association in recognizing the nation's teachers during National Teacher Appreciation Week.

During the week of May 6-10, ESFDB students and parents showed their appreciation for the caring, dedication, and professional attitudes teachers display each day. ESFDB honored their teachers serving the Luta community, students, and families.

This celebration provided a wonderful opportunity for students and parents to work closely with their school Parent Teachers Organization and other community organizations to celebrate the contribution of teachers.

Teacher Appreciation Week means so much more than giving them flowers or cards. It means taking the time to realize what they've done for your child each day. For parents, it's remembering that the teachers are responsible for shaping your child's mind and developing their educational skills, so they are better prepared for the world that awaits them after school.

The importance of the teaching profession is one that can never be overstated. We sometimes become so consumed with our own lives that we don't realize all of the extra effort that teachers are putting to ensure our children have the best quality education, with the little resources they have.

Parents investing in their child's future at ESFDB is the greatest gift they can give them and that includes not just providing Catholic education, but time. Taking the time to be involved and getting to know their teacher, working together to oversee your child's progress.

To the ESFDB teachers: Mrs. Ann Marie H. Toves, Mrs. Florinda Chavez, Mrs. Mary Rose Lucero, and Mrs. Lea Maratita, you are great teachers, and we know because parents in our Luta community hand the most precious thing in the world to them over to ESFDB, as they know our teachers love their kids just as much as the parents do. Happy Teachers Appreciation Week!

The administration and faculty would like to express their appreciation to Rota first lady Estrella Mendiola, ESFDB PTO officers, and to the parents and students for their generous donations and gifts to their teachers. *Dangkulo na si yu'us ma'ase', maraming salamat po*, and thank you for making ESFDB Teachers Appreciation Week a success. ***(Edward Maratita Jr.)***

## EUCON to undergo accreditation visit

The EUCON International College will host a Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools on-site evaluation team visit on May 20-23, 2013, for the purpose of evaluating the college for reaffirmation of its accreditation status.

Third-party comments are invited and may be addressed to: TRACS, 15935 Forest Road, Forest, VA 24551.

TRACS is approved by the U.S. Department of Education as a nationally-recognized institutional accrediting agency and appears on the *Secretary's List of Approved Accrediting Agencies*, which is provided in the *Higher Education Directory*. TRACS is also recognized by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation. ***(PR)***

## Hae Jun Lee graduates from Bob Jones University

**GREENVILLE, SC**—Saipan resident Hae Jun Lee was among the more than 800 students who graduated from Bob Jones University earlier this month.

Lee graduated with a BS in Mathematics.

During the 86th commencement exercises, 595 students received undergraduate degrees and 73 students received associate degrees. In addition, 142 students received master's degrees and 13 candidates received earned doctorates. Four honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees were conferred. Since its founding in 1927, Bob Jones University has conferred over 45,000 degrees.

Located in Greenville, S.C., Bob Jones University is a biblically faithful, liberal arts university focused on educating the whole person to reflect and serve Christ. BJU offers a unique blend of rigorous academic programs, discipleship, and character and leadership development. We are committed to the truth of Scripture and to pursuing excellence in all we do.

BJU provides over 70 undergraduate and graduate programs in religion, education, fine arts and communication, arts and science, and business. BJU has approximately 3,500 students from every state and 41 countries. ***(PR)***

# Donated dictionaries help college-bound Chuukese

**WENO, Chuuk**—Students attending Chuuk High School have sent their thanks to Habele for donating English language dictionaries. The U.S.-based charity provided the texts when approached by vice principal Jason Reiong.

Reiong wrote to Habele in late 2012, explaining: "I read about your organization in the Kaselehie Press and I was very happy with what your organization has being doing for all the schools across Micronesia. I am writing to ask if your charity could help our students at CHS with some dictionaries, such as those you've provided to students in Yap." The U.S.-based charity was happy to respond to the request.

Over the last several months, Habele volunteers and their partners obtained the dictionaries and sent them to Chuuk. The cost of postage and processing was funded by the European-based electronic payments firm Yapital. On his end, Reiong navigated the donated boxes through customs, the post office, and the school system's own bureaucracy. He explained that the timing of the arrival allowed the dictionaries to be used by students preparing for their state and district achievement tests.

"Since the students started using the dictionaries—both in the class and at their homes in the evenings—we've seen the scores on the local assessment increase," Reiong explained in a letter to Habele volunteers. "The higher scores, and the rise in our College of Micronesia admission rate are possible because of the thoughtful contributions from people like you."

"That is a humbling claim," said Alex Sidles, a Habele director who formerly served as a teacher on Unanu, in the Namonweito Atoll. "I think the real credit goes to the hard-working educators and pupils in Weno who've made the most of the dictionaries. We happy to have helped them do just that." ***(Habele)***

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Students attending Chuuk High School show off the English language dictionaries donated by U.S.-based charity Habele.

# UOG Summer Theatre Camp starts June 17

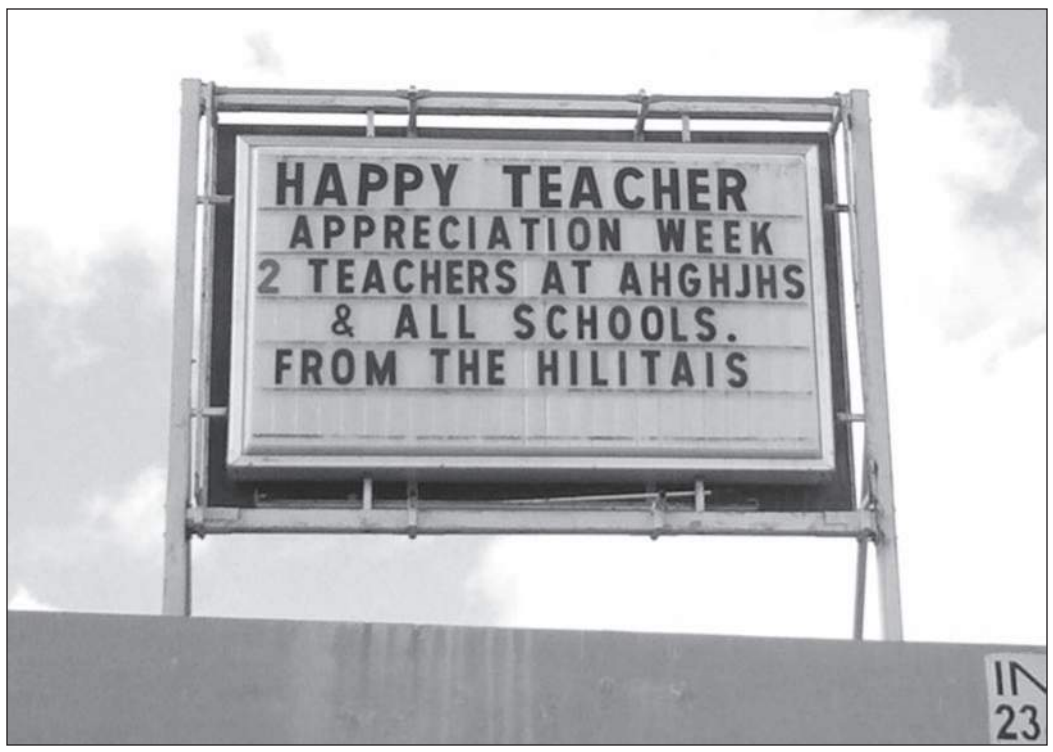
University of Guam is proud to announce their first alumni-run Summer Theatre Camp for ages 10 to 14. The camp will be held from June 17 to July 19 and runs Mondays through Fridays from 1pm to 5pm. The cost of the Theatre Camp is $500 for five full weeks, and registration will be open until June 7.

Over the course of the summer, children will explore the different creative aspects of theatre from acting exercises to confidence building games, exploring their imagination through storytelling, and nurturing their individual talents.

The camp team consists of instructors with academic training and acting experience. Directed by UOG alumni Tina Calilung and Jerome Ocampo, this year's production is an adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book*. Show dates are on July 18 and July 19 at 7pm.

Established in 2006, The University of Guam's Summer Theatre Camp has performed *James and the Giant Peach, School House Rock Live Jr., Charlotte's Web, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, Alice in Wonderland, OZ,* and last summer's *Pinnochio*.

For additional information, contact Troy McVey at 735-2854 or Nicki Rivera at 735-2700. ***(UOG)***

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**WEEK FOR TEACHERS**

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week! The Hopwood Junior High School Hilitais thank all teachers during the weeklong celebration of educators.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

### Tanapag Elementary School

To all interested parents and guardians of children living in the Tanapag area, Tanapag Elementary School would like to announce its open enrollment for the kindergarten program for all those interested in joining our happy little school of fish.

The following criteria must be met in order to be qualified to enroll. All children must be 5 years old no later than Aug. 31 of this year. If your child turns 6 prior to this date then we recommend enrolling in our first grade. If the child is still 4 after the date then try enrolling them in the Head Start program. You can come by the main office here at Tanapag Elementary School to pick up an application form for either Kinder or Head Start. If you wish to enroll for any other grade level for next school year, you can pick up an application for that as well.

For children newly enrolling here at our school you will need the following:

1. School entrance health certificate
2. Copy of birth certificate
3. Copy of health insurance
4. Legal documentation if applicable (adoption/legal custody)

Along with a properly filled out enrollment form, your child will then be accepted into the upcoming roster for school year 2013-2014. Currently, we are only accepting 20 students into our kinder program, so enrollment will be a strictly first-come, first-serve basis.

If you have any question call (670) 664-3425/237-3161. ***(PR)***

### San Vicente Elementary School

San Vicente Elementary School registration for kindergarten only for school year 2013-2014 is scheduled to begin on May 28-31, 2012, from 9am through 11:30am in the school main office.

The child must be 5 years on or before Aug. 31, 2013, as per BOE policy. The child's date of birth must be between Sept. 1, 2007 and Aug. 31, 2008.

Registration requirements:

1. Copy of birth certificate
2. Original health certificate (public health or private clinic)
3. Medical insurance or accidental insurance
4. Map of residential location
5. Power of attorney/legal guardianship (if applicable)
6. Copy of report card or certificate of completion (from any pre-school)

Should you have any questions, call 237-3791. ***(PR)***

# UOG offers mulch distribution in Yigo on May 18

Commercial crop producers and hobbyist gardeners alike can improve the health and yield of their plants for a relatively low cost by using mulch. This Saturday, May 18, faculty and staff from the University of Guam Cooperative Extension Servicewill distribute mulch for $20-$25 a truckload at the old Kato Farm in Yigo from 9am to 3pm.

Mulch is a layer of material spread over soil. It can reduce erosion, maintain soil moisture, and suppresses weed growth. Most importantly, it improves soil health by adding nutrients to the soil as mulch material decays. Common natural mulch materials on Guam include yard clippings (leaves, grass), banana leaves, coconut husks, and shredded paper.

"One of the greatest limiting factors of our island soils for plant production is the lack of organic matter," said Bob Barber, UOG agricultural economist and sustainable agriculture coordinator. "This is an excellent opportunity for gardeners and farmers to obtain mulch at a very low cost."

Members of the public interested in mulch can come to the old Kato Farm between 9am and 3pm this Saturday. The old Kato Farm is located on Wusstig Road just before the first right turn. A small trailer load (half ton truckload) costs $20, and a large trailer load (one ton truckload) costs $25. Only cash will be accepted. UOG CES will also distribute publications related to mulch, sheet mulching and compost.

The UOG CES Agricultural and Natural Resource Unit works with clientele and partners to advance research based knowledge through community based and higher education in the food and agricultural sciences and related environmental and human sciences. This event was made possible through collaboration between UOG, Natural Resource Conservation Services - Conservation Innovation Grant, Guam Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the Chamorro Land Trust Commission.

For information about logistics or directions, contact Jane Mendiola at 735-2080 or 735-2050. *(UOG)*

# Life & Style

## Astronaut exits space station with music video

**CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida** (AP)—In a high-flying, perfectly pitched first, an astronaut on the International Space Station is bowing out of orbit with a musical video: his own custom version of David Bowie's "Space Oddity."

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This image provided by NASA shows astronaut Chris Hadfield recording the first music video from space Sunday May 12, 2013.

It's believed to be the first music video made in space, according to NASA.

Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield's personalized rendition of "Space Oddity" was posted on YouTube on Sunday, one day before his departure from the orbiting lab. He's wrapping up a five-month mission that began last December.

His return aboard a Russian Soyuz capsule, along with American Thomas Marshburn and Russian Roman Romanenko, was set for late Monday in Kazakhstan.

Hadfield, 53, a longtime guitarist who played in an astronaut rock 'n' roll band, recorded the video throughout the space station. He had some down-to-Earth help from a Canadian music team.

"With deference to the genius of David Bowie, here's Space Oddity, recorded on Station. A last glimpse of the World," Hadfield said via Twitter.

The spaceman altered some of the lyrics of Bowie's 1969 version, singing "Planet Earth is blue and there's nothing left to do." The Bowie version goes "... and there's nothing I can do." And instead of "Take your protein pills and put your helmet on," it became, "Lock your Soyuz hatch and put your helmet on."

Planet Earth provided a stunning backdrop for many of the scenes.

"It's just been an extremely fulfilling and amazing experience end to end," Hadfield told Mission Control on Monday. "We're, of course, focusing very much on flying the Soyuz home now and looking forward to seeing everybody face to face. But from this Canadian to all the rest of them, I offer an enormous debt of thanks." He was referring to all those in the Canadian Space Agency who helped make his flight possible.

Hadfield, an engineer and former test pilot from Milton, Ontario, was Canada's first professional astronaut to live aboard the space station and became the first Canadian in charge of a spacecraft. He relinquished command of the space station on Sunday.

He sang often in orbit, using a guitar already aboard the complex, and even took part in a live, Canadian coast-to-coast concert in February that included the Barenaked Ladies' Ed Robertson and a youth choir, and featured the song I.S.S., "Is Somebody Singing?"

I.S.S. is NASA's acronym for the International Space Station.

Also last February, Hadfield joined the Irish band The Chieftains and two ground-bound astronauts in a Houston concert, singing the lead on "Moondance."

The five-minute video posted Sunday drew a salute from Bowie's official Facebook page: "It's possibly the most poignant version of the song ever created."

NASA broadcast the video on its daily space station update late Monday morning.

One of the video collaborators was piano arranger Emm Gryner, part of the Bowie band in 1999 and 2000.

"Planet Earth IS blue," she said in her online blog, "and there's nothing left for Chris Hadfield to do. Right. Safe travels home Commander!"

## Filipino director takes new look at Bataan march

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—A film that weaves together stories of the anguish and desperation of American and Filipino soldiers during the notorious Bataan Death March could have been shot on location in a large-scale production.

Filipino director Borinaga Alix Jr. instead chose to film "Death March" in black-and-white and almost entirely inside a studio using hand-painted backdrops, with close-ups of actors' painted faces portraying their struggles with nightmares and hallucinations in one of the bloodiest episodes of World War II.

"Death March" is competing against 17 other movies at the Cannes Film Festival that opens Wednesday, including Sofia Coppola's "The Bling Ring," French director Claire Denis' "Les Salauds" and fellow Filipino director Lav Diaz's "Norte, Hangganan ng Kasaysayan." The entries were made in the category for art house and experimental films.

Some 70,000 starving, sick, and exhausted American and Filipino prisoners of the Japanese Imperial Army marched under a brutal sun for five days in April 1942, covering 105 kilometers (65 miles) from the Bataan peninsula to a prison camp in Tarlac province. Survivors told stories of atrocities, with many of the prisoners stabbed or decapitated by their Japanese captors if they so much as stopped to drink water or collapsed to the ground. Thousands died from illness or exhaustion.

After reading the script by Rody Vera, Alix said he was struck by the war's emotional and psychological effect on soldiers.

"It felt like they were sleep walking their nightmares," Alix said in an interview. He said he wanted to highlight how the event shaped the soldiers' psyche.

Instead of the initial plan to go on location, he consulted the production designer and decided "to shoot in a controlled environment where all the elements were synthetic, except the actors, to heighten the surreal feeling of the film."

The multi-character movie stars Filipino actors Sid Lucero as a Filipino soldier who fights to stay sane after his friend is shot in front of him, and Filipino-American actor Sam Milby as an American soldier taking care of his sick captain but also thinking of ways to escape from the Japanese.

Other Filipino actors whose stories converge in the film are Zanjoe Marudo, Jason Abalos, Carlo Aquino and Felix Roco.

## Walters announces her retirement on 'The View'

**NEW YORK** (AP)—TV news pioneer Barbara Walters said Monday that retirement from her epochal television career is near, but it's not happening right away.

Walters began in television news as a "Today" reporter in 1961, became the best-known interviewer in American TV and invented a daytime talk show at an age many people would be retired. She said on "The View" that she will step away from the camera next summer.

Before that, her retirement tour will include TV specials looking back at her work.

Walters

The announcement brought the 83-year-old Walters to tears. While not necessarily a surprise—reports about the plan leaked out about a month ago and it was confirmed by ABC on Sunday night—the discussion was alternately saucy and emotional.

"In the summer of 2014 I plan to retire from appearing on television at all," Walters said.

She preceded her announcement with a taped piece outlining career highlights, from her appearance in a Playboy bunny outfit on "Today" to her interview with Syrian President Bashar Assad last year. She mentioned her pride in rising to "Today" co-host and becoming the first woman on a network evening news program, co-anchoring with Harry Reasoner on ABC. Her interviews became her calling card, sitting across from actors and presidents. Her prime-time talk with Monica Lewinsky set a ratings standard.

When she started "The View" with executive producer Bill Geddies 17 years ago, Walters said she thought it would last a year or two.

She's been through some health problems this year, being hospitalized after a fall taken while leaving a pre-inaugural party in Washington and developing chicken pox. She didn't cite that as a reason for leaving, saying she is in perfect health and isn't being pushed out.

"I want to leave while people are still saying, 'why is she leaving?' instead of 'why doesn't she leave?" Walters said.

Joy Behar, her last remaining original co-host on "The View," took issue with Walters saying in her taped intro that she wasn't as beautiful as other women on television. Men on TV don't talk about how handsome they are, she said.

Walters noted that she'd been asked whether she had "slept her way to the top."

"I wish I had, because I would have made it much faster," she said.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg stopped by to salute Walters on the live telecast. The audience was stocked with brass from ABC and parent company Disney, including Disney CEO Robert Iger. Walters joked with Iger about appearing on "Dancing With the Stars" together.

## Jake Johnson breaks out on season 2 of 'New Girl'

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Season one of Fox TV's "New Girl" introduced fans to the "adorkable" Zooey Deschanel and the hilarity of Max Greenfield. Both earned Emmy and Golden Globe Award nominations for their work.

As season two wraps up Tuesday, their co-star Jake Johnson is emerging as another one to watch—both on the series and in Hollywood.

On "New Girl," Johnson plays Nick Miller, one of Deschanel's three male roommates. He's a curmudgeonly, 30-something, broke bartender who gave up on his potential somewhere along the way. Secretly, though, he has a big heart and a desire to do more—which is largely inspired by his crush on Deschanel's Jess.

No one could be happier about Nick's development than the 34-year-old Johnson.

"It felt like season one I was asked more to just support other people's stories a lot. I was very happy (in) season two that Nick kind of came out of his shell and was given great stories and the writers really found him," Johnson said in a recent interview.

Walters

The Nick-Jess dynamic has come to a head this season with some viewers asking if it was too soon to pair up the characters. Johnson said that as an actor, it felt like the right time.

"Getting them together where if (Nick's) trying and screwing up or if they break up and he's heartbroken, I understand that more," he said. "Trying this thing is more honest."

Johnson said he received some perspective on his character from one of the show's directors.

"He said, 'Season one Nick was all about being grumpy and grounded. ... Season two, you should feel everything because those who are the most cynical and the most grumpy, it's because they're the most sensitive.'"

Meanwhile, Johnson is expanding his horizons off-screen as well.

He has a film called "Drinking Buddies" with Olivia Wilde, Anna Kendrick and Ron Livingston coming out this summer. A movie called "The Pretty One" with Zoe Kazan premiered at this year's Tribeca Film Festival.

This summer, Johnson will head to Atlanta to shoot a buddy-cop movie alongside Damon Wayans Jr. and Nina Dobrev. (Wayans was in the pilot of "New Girl" but couldn't stay on the show because of his commitment to ABC's "Happy Endings," which was canceled Friday.)

Johnson would also like to work on something that helps aspiring TV writers get their shows on the air.

"I love writing. It's such a great thing to come up with an idea and develop it," he said. "I'm very interested in other writers and somebody who has a great idea but no 'in' into television. I'd like to see people get their dream shows on TV. It's something I'm really passionate about."

# Dan Brown returns to Europe for 'Inferno'

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Dan Brown sees the world a little differently than the average person.

"I wish I could travel for pleasure," says the author of such scenic blockbusters as "The Da Vinci Code" and "Angels and Demons," in which secrets and suspense are combined with a guided tour of Italy and other stops in Western Europe. "Everything I see is a potential idea and I wish I could turn that off. Maybe I shouldn't. But, yes, every little work of art that I see or place that I travel to is a potential idea."

Brown, 48, spoke recently at the midtown Manhattan offices of Random House Inc., where he jokingly imagines setting a novel called "Random Cipher," with hidden passageways running throughout the building. Brown is a New Hampshire resident spending the week in New York to promote "Inferno," a return to his beloved continent and a chance, he hopes, to interest readers in the classic 14th century journey in verse by Dante that provides the title for his new novel.

"My hope for this book is that people are inspired either to discover or rediscover Dante. And, if all goes well, they will simultaneously appreciate some of the incredible art that Dante has inspired for the last 700 years," says Brown, who with "The Da Vinci Code" helped inspire customized tours of the Louvre, Westminster Abbey and other settings in the novel.

Brown's new book, published Tuesday, is already high on the best seller lists of Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble.com, a position to be expected for an author whose novels have sold 200 million copies worldwide. "The Da Vinci Code" alone has sold more than 80 million copies and ranked Brown with J.K. Rowling among novelists for whose publishers the deadliest sin is spoiling the plot.

AP

In this Monday, May 13, 2013 photo, author Dan Brown poses for a portrait in New York. His new book, "Inferno," published by Doubleday releases on May 14, 2013.

Brown's fictional alter ego, Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon, is once again on the run. Caught up in a struggle to prevent a deadly virus from spreading around the globe, he wakes up in a daze in an Italian hospital at the start of the novel and spends the rest of the book trying to regain his bearings. There's a love interest—sort of—visits to historical landmarks in Florence, Venice and elsewhere and mysterious codes that allude to passages from Dante.

Everything about "Inferno" is a tease, including the way the author has written and promoted it. Brown makes a point of visiting the locations he describes, and since "The Da Vinci Code" published in 2003, his fans have obsessively tried to discern where his next books might take place and what they're about. Details of his 2009 novel "The Lost Symbol" emerged thanks to reports that Brown, whose dimpled chin and sandy-colored hair are known to many, had been spending time in Washington, D.C. Counter-espionage became necessary during his European travels for "Inferno."

"Researching now is a double-edged sword," Brown says. "It's great because I've got access to things I never had access to before. But it's also more difficult because I'm trying to write in secret on some level and people know who I am. So half of the questions I ask are totally irrelevant to the book, just to keep people guessing."

Dante was highly critical of the Catholic church and Brown was happy to let readers and critics wonder if he would renew the controversies of "Angels and Demons" and "The Da Vinci Code," both of which enraged church officials with such speculations as a marriage between Jesus and Mary Magdalene. But the target in "Inferno" is overpopulation, an issue not raised by Dante even in his crowded rings of Hell.

"I'm always trying to keep people guessing," Brown says. "When people heard I was writing about Dante, they said, 'Of course, he's going to be critical of religion.' ... That would have been too obvious."

## Franklin pulls out of shows under doctor's orders

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Aretha Franklin has canceled appearances in Chicago and Connecticut later this month under a doctor's recommendation.

A Monday news release says Franklin will need treatment during the time period shows were scheduled with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra on May 20 and at Foxwoods Resort & Casino in Connecticut on May 26. The release doesn't specify what kind of treatment and her publicist did not immediately respond to a message seeking details.

Singer Janelle Monae will step in for Franklin for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Corporate Night fundraiser. The Grammy-winning singer will be playing orchestral versions of her songs that she'll first debut Thursday with the San Francisco Symphony.

# Conroy memoir about his father coming in October

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Pat Conroy fans will finally get the real story about his father, the man who inspired the novel "The Great Santini."

Doubleday announced Monday that the author has a memoir coming out in October, "The Death of Santini."

The publisher is calling the book "a heart-wrenching account" of Conroy's father, the late Donald Conroy, a Marine Corps fighter pilot whom his son has depicted as cruel and abusive.

The two Conroys eventually became closer, and the memoir will demonstrate how love can "conquer even the meanest of men," according to Doubleday. Donald Conroy, whose fictionalized character was played by Robert Duvall in the film adaptation, died in 1998.

"The Death of Santini" was first announced in 2009 and has long been anticipated by Conroy readers.

## ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

### Swift, Bryan, Hayes to perform at CMT Music Awards

**NASHVILLE, Tennessee** (AP)—Taylor Swift leads a list of country music's hottest stars set to perform at the CMT Music Awards next month. Swift, Miranda Lambert's Pistol Annies, Luke Bryan, Hunter Hayes and Little Big Town are the first performers announced for the June 5 awards show. Jason Aldean and Kristen Bell are set to host the fan-voted awards show when it's broadcast live from Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tennessee. Lambert, Bryan and Eric Church are this year's top nominees. Fans can vote in all categories at the music channel's website through June 2. Six finalists for top honor video of the year will be announced at the top of the broadcast and fans can vote on a winner during the show. More performers and presenters will be announced later.

### 2014 Grammys to be held Jan. 26 in Los Angeles

**NEW YORK** (AP)—If you're a fan of the Grammy Awards, you can mark your calendar for Jan. 26, 2014, and Feb. 8, 2015. The Recording Academy and CBS announced the dates Monday. The 2014 event will be held at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. Both shows will air live on CBS. This year's awards show was seen by 28.4 million people, the second-largest audience for the program since 1993, according to the Nielsen Co. Last year, 39.9 million people tuned in to see how the industry would react to Whitney Houston's death just before the awards and celebrate the coronation of its hottest star, Adele, who won six Grammys. This year's show featured the musical return of Justin Timberlake, collaborations honoring Bob Marley and Levon Helm, and performances by the majority of stars up for major awards. The Grammy Awards are billed as "music's biggest night."

### Court urged to reject Jackson doctor's appeal

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—A state attorney says an appeal by the doctor convicted of causing Michael Jackson's death should be rejected because there were no errors made during the criminal case that warrant overturning a jury's verdict. Supervising Deputy Attorney General Victoria B. Wilson wrote in a response to Conrad Murray's appeal that the former cardiologist's own lawyers forfeited several opportunities to object to a judge's rulings in the case. The filing also states that the rulings were not errors, and if they were decided differently it would not have changed the case's outcome. Murray in April appealed his four-year sentence for involuntary manslaughter, arguing a judge made multiple mistakes. His attorney Valerie Wass said the state's filing overlooked several of her arguments and she will address those in another filing.

# Free family health kits offer news you can use

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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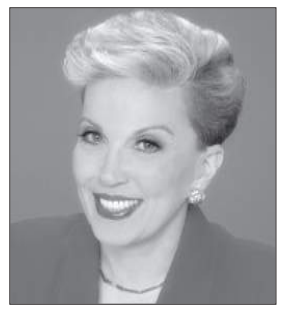

DearAbby

**DEAR ABBY:** When friends and family get together, the conversation often turns to the subject of health. They swap stories about the medications they may be taking and the lifestyle changes they're making to improve their health. They look to each other for support and tips to get through the flu or a nasty case of food poisoning, and rely on each other's experience to tackle challenges like quitting smoking, managing heart disease, diabetes, menopause or conquering insomnia.

To help your readers support their loved ones through these health issues and many more, the FDA's Office of Women's Health and the GSA's Federal Citizen Information Center have created the free Friends and Family Health Kit. It contains more than 20 publications that are quick to read, easy to understand, and feature health care and prevention tips for women and their families.

Abby, thank you for letting your readers know about the Friends and Family Health Kit, and for sharing advice we can all use to better care for ourselves and for one another.

MARSHA HENDERSON, FDA ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH

**DEAR MARSHA: Your letter is timely because we are in the middle of Women's Health Week, which runs from May 12-18. I'm always glad to receive your health kits because they are constantly being updated to reflect the latest information.**

**This year's health kits cover subjects that include recognizing health scams, preventing food poisoning, managing your medications from pregnancy to menopause, participating in clinical trials (which can be a lifesaver), controlling asthma, selecting a mammography facility, and staying safe with cosmetics and tattooing.**

**There is no charge for the Friends and Family Health Kits and they're easy to order. Just send your name and address to Friends and Family Health Kit, Pueblo, CO 81009; go online to www.promotions.usa.gov/dearabby.html; or call: 888-8-PUEBLO (that's 888-878-3256) weekdays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern time. The publications can also be read online in PDF format, or be downloaded to your computer and printed out. Print supplies are limited, so don't wait to order them.**

**DEAR ABBY:** I live in Alaska and have good friends I visit every summer on the East Coast. I have some acquaintances and former co-workers who live there, too. Many of them want me to visit when I come down. I have grown apart from these former friends and keep in touch only through occasional emails and Facebook.

Flying from Alaska to the East Coast is expensive and time-consuming. I really just want to rest and hang out with the friends I'll be staying with. Even when I avoid posting pictures of my vacation on Facebook until after the trip, I get comments or emails about me not stopping by or letting them know I was in town.

What's the polite way to tell these former co-workers and acquaintances that I don't want to spend my vacation time with them? Or should I just get over it and devote some time to them as well?

TRYING TO BE POLITE IN ANCHORAGE

**DEAR TRYING TO BE POLITE: If you have any desire to continue the relationships with your former co-workers and acquaintances, why not arrange to meet a group of them at an agreed-upon place one afternoon for a "reunion"? If you don't, then either ignore their comments or respond to the emails by saying you needed to rest, which is the reason you didn't socialize more during your vacation.**

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*Good advice for everyone—teens to seniors—is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)*

# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

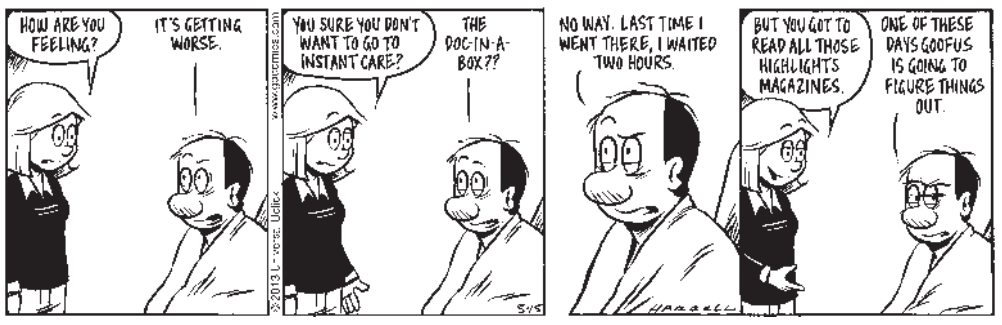
WANT TO SEE ME JUGGLE? I CAN KEEP A DOZEN EGGS IN THE AIR AT ONCE!
HWHH!
ACKPTH!
SPLOTCH!
CRASH
NOTICE I DIDN'T SAY I COULD DO IT VERY LONG.
THIS RUG MUST NEED A THICKER PAD.

## Garfield®

By Jim Davis

## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
IT'S GETTING WORSE.
YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO GO TO INSTANT CARE?
THE DOC-IN-A-BOX??
NO WAY. LAST TIME I WENT THERE, I WAITED TWO HOURS.
BUT YOU GOT TO READ ALL THOSE HIGHLIGHTS MAGAZINES.
ONE OF THESE DAYS GOOFUS IS GOING TO FIGURE THINGS OUT.

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

ENO, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO MOW YOUR HALF OF THE YARD?
WHEN WILL MANKIND LEARN TO LIVE IN PEACE?
WHAT?
I'M SORRY. I THOUGHT WE WERE COMING UP WITH RHETORICAL QUESTIONS.

## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

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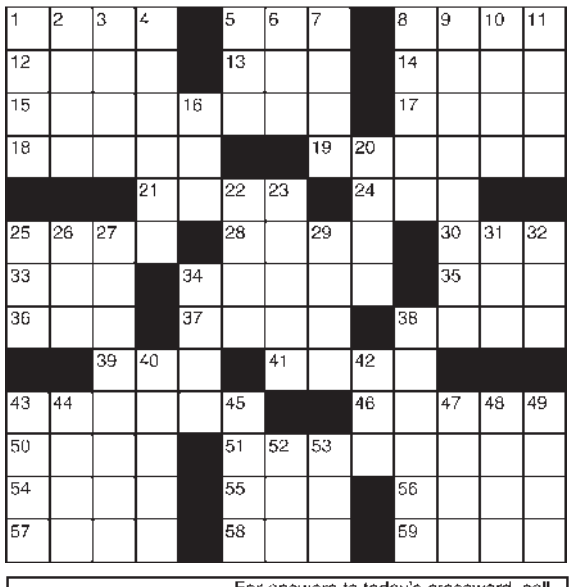
Yesterday's answer 5-15



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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY**: Jamie-Lynn Sigler, 32; David Krumholtz, 35; David Charvet, 41; Chazz Palminteri, 61

**Happy Birthday**: Let your emotions lead the way. Your intuition will guide you in the right direction. A change of plans, a residential move or traveling to visit with friends or relatives should all be considered. Preparation and organization will be directly linked to the success you achieve. Think outside the box and you will find a solution for any problem you face. Your numbers are 7, 18, 24, 29, 34, 38, 44.

**ARIES** (*March 21-April 19*): Stick to what you know. You'll be criticized if you pretend to be something you are not. Rely on past experience and you will find a solution to a financial problem you face. Someone will want to reconnect. Proceed with caution. ✪✪

**TAURUS** (*April 20-May 20*): Improving your surroundings will encourage you to entertain and do more with friends and family. Gather as much information as possible in order to advance personally and professionally. Don't be afraid to put pressure on someone who worries you. ✪✪✪✪

**GEMINI** (*May 21-June 20*): Let people know the changes you want to make with great honesty and integrity and you will avoid being accused of being misleading. Not everyone will agree with you, but at least you can move forward without feeling you are being deceitful. ✪✪✪

**CANCER** (*June 21-July 22*): Memories and digging up old plans, goals and projects will help you get rid of clutter and bring something you enjoying doing back to the forefront. Steady progress is apparent if you offer your help or solutions. Use your imagination. ✪✪✪

**LEO** (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Don't leave anything to chance. A change you want to make must not be implemented on impulse. Think each step through thoroughly. Cut your losses by handling a situation now that will discourage anyone who wants to oppose you. ✪✪✪

**VIRGO** (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Stick to your word and go above and beyond the call of duty. Your actions will prove that you have what it takes to get things done. Don't let anyone put you down or stand in your way. Take credit for your accomplishments. ✪✪✪✪

**LIBRA** (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Concentrate on picking up information. Get involved in courses, research or conversations that will give you a better understanding of something that interests you. Begin an endeavor that will bring you satisfaction and financial gain. ✪✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Put creative imagination into the way you handle your home and family. A day trip with someone you like to spend time with will help your relationship grow and improve your current lifestyle. An unusual opportunity will grab your attention. ✪✪✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Make an important decision that will help jump-start what you want to pursue. Do whatever it takes to get your way. A residential move will lead to greater opportunities and financial stability. Discuss your plans with someone you love or respect. ✪✪✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Build a stronger portfolio. Sizing down or up depending on your circumstances can make a huge difference to the way you conduct your business and professional plans in the future. Avoid anyone who appears to be unpredictable or impulsive. ✪✪✪

**AQUARIUS** (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Protecting your assets and knowing exactly where you stand financially will help you make a wise decision regarding your home and family. Discuss your plans with someone who can benefit as much from you as you can in return. ✪✪✪

**PISCES** (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Focus on creative and social activities that will enhance and encourage good friendships or partnerships to develop. Don't overdo it physically or financially. Indulging in risky ventures will cost you emotionally. Love is in the stars. ✪✪✪✪✪

**Birthday Baby**: You are goal-oriented, powerful and have plenty of stamina.

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# SUDOKU

**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/15

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

**Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer**

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Difficulty Level ★★ 5/14

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## WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

**SUGAR-FREE FOODS** **Solution: 9 letters**

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# Grizzlies beat Thunder in OT for 3-1 series lead

**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** (AP)—The Grizzlies pulled off a huge rally to move within a victory of the franchise's first Western Conference final.

Tony Allen scored on a driving layup to open overtime and the Grizzlies held off the Oklahoma City Thunder 103-97 Monday night to push the defending Western Conference champions to the edge of elimination.

The Grizzlies shook off a first half in which they couldn't hit shots and the Thunder seemingly couldn't miss in building their largest lead in this series at 17 points.

But Memphis has yet to lose on its home court this postseason and now is 19-1 here since Feb. 8. They won their third straight overall and seventh in eight games to grab a 3-1 lead in this best-of-seven series with a win that left coach Lionel Hollins very impressed with the comeback.

"We are a team that just plays hard and doesn't quit," Hollins said. "We scratch. We claw. They said grit and grind. I don't know what the heck that means, but we go out and we just battle. We compete. We're not the most talented team that's in the playoffs when we started out. We're not the most talented team that's left in the playoffs. But we go and compete."

The Grizzlies have won only two playoff series in their rather short history. They know what a 3-1 lead means.

"We have an opportunity in front of us that we can take advantage of," Grizzlies guard Mike Conley said. "I know our guys are focused. We're treating it one game at a time. We know they're going to fight like they have their backs against the wall just like they did tonight. They're going to play with a sense of urgency, and we have to be ready."

Game 5 is Wednesday night in Oklahoma City, and the Thunder have played in the Western finals each of the past two playoffs. But they don't have Russell Westbrook in this series, and Kevin Durant hasn't been able to make the key plays at the end now in three straight games.

"It's not over yet, and we understand that," Thunder coach Scott Brooks said. "It's the first to four. They're in a good position, but our challenge is not impossible. It's something that we can do. We just have to focus one possession, one game at a time. Hopefully, we can do that and come back here Friday night. There's a barbeque festival right?"

The Grizzlies outscored the Thunder 9-3 in overtime as Oklahoma City went 1 of 8 from the floor.

Durant scored 27 points. But the man leading the league this postseason in scoring missed all five of his shots in the extra period, including a layup in the final seconds. Durant went 2 of 13 in the fourth quarter and overtime and had only five points. He did score on a driving layup that forced overtime.

AP

Oklahoma City Thunder's Kevin Durant holds his head as he walks from the floor in a timeout during overtime of Game 4 in a Western Conference semifinal NBA basketball playoff series against the Memphis Grizzlies as Scott Brooks looks down in Memphis, Tenn., Monday, May 13, 2013.

The All Star played 48 minutes and was just short on his shots as the game wore on. Asked why he drove for the tying layup in regulation instead of a 3 to win, Durant said he saw a wide-open lane.

"I just went to get as close as I could and try to send it to overtime, which we did," Durant said. "They made more plays than us in overtime, and they got the win."

Durant got the help from his teammates that he had been needing. Kevin Martin scored 18 points, Serge Ibaka had his best game of the series with 17 points and 14 rebounds, and Reggie Jackson had 15. Nick Collison even added 10. Even with a break early in the second quarter, Durant played 48 minutes, 19 seconds.

Not that Durant will acknowledge he's tired.

"Well, it is midnight, and my bedtime is usually around 12 o'clock or so," Durant said. "I'm a little sleepy because it's past my bedtime. But other than that, I'm good."

Conley led Memphis with 24 points and Marc Gasol and Zach Randolph each had double-doubles. Randolph had 23 and 12, while Gasol had 23 and 11 along with six blocks on the day the Defensive Player of Year was named to the NBA's second All-Defensive team along with Conley, who had four steals.

Allen, who finished with 10 points, had three steals on the day he edged LeBron James for most points for the NBA's All-Defensive team.

In 2011, the Grizzlies were the team that blew the big lead in the first half of Game 4 with the Thunder pulling out the win to even up the series. They also wasted home-court advantage last year in the playoffs in the opening round against the Clippers.

This time, the Thunder were up by as much as 17 in the first half and 12 in the third. But Memphis used a 20-8 run in the third to get back into this game. The Grizzlies had a chance to close out the win when Ibaka blocked a shot by Randolph just before the buzzer in regulation before doing just that in overtime.

"Two years ago when we went three overtimes and we weren't feeling like this two years ago, so it feels good," Randolph said. "But we're focused, and we know what we got to do Wednesday. Come out and play. They're going to come out and play hard. It's not over yet."

But Allen scored to open overtime, then Randolph rebounded a miss by Gasol and scored on a putback. Derek Fisher, who missed his first four shots, finally hit a 3-pointer. But the 38-year-old veteran also had his inbound pass stolen by Allen with 21.1 seconds left and Memphis up 100-97.

"We came up a little short," Brooks said.

The Thunder spent most of the past two days talking about the need to make shots. They did just that to open the game, hitting three of their first five in scoring the first seven points and led 29-18 at the end of the first quarter for their biggest lead in this series. Ibaka found his shooting stroke after struggling through this series, and he had nine points in the first 12 minutes, including a 3-pointer, with seven rebounds.

Oklahoma City had its biggest lead on a corner 3 by Durant that gave Oklahoma City a 46-29 lead with 4:26 left.

Memphis showed signs of life trimming the Thunder's lead to 56-48 at halftime. Oklahoma City thought it had a double-digit lead when Ibaka beat the buzzer with a putback off a missed Durant 3. But officials reviewed the play and waved the bucket off.

Tayshaun Prince said the Grizzlies talked at halftime in the locker room happy to get it under 10. The pep talk was simple.

"We just told ourselves: `Look, we can't play no worse than we did in that first half,'" Prince said.

## Heat 88, Bulls 65

In Chicago, the way this series is turning out, it's hard to believe the Miami Heat ever trailed the Chicago Bulls.

They're running away with the Eastern Conference semifinals, and another performance like this will end it.

LeBron James scored 27 points and the Heat nearly matched a franchise record for fewest points allowed in a playoff game, pounding the listless and short-handed Bulls 88-65 on Monday night to take a 3-1 lead in the series.

"We just worked as hard as we could on defense," Chris Bosh said. "After the Game 3 performance, we really didn't feel like we did a very good job. We just wanted to have more energy today and concentrate on our coverages a lot better."

Well, how's this for a result?

The 65 points allowed were only two more than the all-time postseason low for a Miami opponent, and it was easily the worst offensive performance by a Chicago team in the playoffs.

Never before had the Bulls scored fewer than 69 in a playoff game nor 10 or less in a quarter during the postseason, but both those marks fell on a night when they were dominated on both ends of the floor.

Miami led by 11 at the half and put this one away in the third quarter, outscoring Chicago 17-9 in the period.

Now the Heat will try to wrap up the series at home Wednesday night, taking what they hope will be the next step toward a second straight championship.

They're in this spot because they shook off a loss in the series opener and haven't looked back.

Miami pounded Chicago in Game 2, coming away with its most lopsided playoff victory while handing the Bulls their worst ever postseason loss—and the Heat continued to roll from there.

James had his usual complete game with eight assists and seven rebounds Monday.

Bosh finished with 14 points after scoring 20 and grabbing 19 rebounds in Game 3, and the Heat won again despite another quiet night from Dwyane Wade (six points), whose right knee was bothering him again. He appeared to aggravate it on a fallaway jumper during the game but was able to return after getting re-taped.

"It's frustrating at times, but you just try to do what you can," Wade said.

Norris Cole also struggled with seven points after back-to-back 18-point performances, but the Heat had more than enough in this one.

They shot about 49 percent while the Bulls set a franchise playoff low at 25.7 percent. Chicago was particularly bad from the outside, going 2 for 17 from 3-point range.

The Bulls again were missing ailing Luol Deng and injured Kirk Hinrich (calf), and a team that kept finding ways to win despite being short-handed all season simply appeared to run out of steam, even though coach Tom Thibodeau rejected that idea.

"No," he said. "I think the thing is they're (Heat) a great team. We have to come out with great intensity—but we also have to make shots."

There's no denying the Bulls have been in a tough spot all year with Derrick Rose recovering from knee surgery and just about every other major player sidelined at some point. They've been hit particularly hard in the postseason, too.

"They're in a tough situation," James said. "They've had some injuries and illnesses and whatever's going on. They don't have their full roster, but that's not for us to worry about. They beat a very good Brooklyn team (in the first round) without their full roster."

Carlos Boozer had 14 points and 12 rebounds for his fifth double-double in the postseason, but was just 3 of 14 from the field. Jimmy Butler scored 12 and Joakim Noah grabbed nine rebounds, but it was a miserable night for Chicago—particularly Nate Robinson. With Cole and Mario Chalmers harassing him and the big men helping out, he missed all 12 of his shots and did not score.

He said he fell hard on his left shoulder on a pick-and-roll at one point, although he couldn't remember exactly when, and had it wrapped in ice afterward. Then he took off the wrapping and threw it hard to the floor.

"Go back to the drawing board and figure it out," he said.

Richard Hamilton scored 11 points in a rare postseason appearance, and the former All-Star guard made it clear afterward he's not thrilled with his reduced role.

"Lot of stuff in life you don't understand," he said. "This (playoffs) is what I was brought here for. To not be able play and help my teammates, it's hard, it's rough. But I try to stay positive. I don't try to rock the boat."

Hamilton said he and Thibodeau have talked. Then, he reiterated, "It's hard to understand."

# Yankees win 7-0, split doubleheader with Indians

**CLEVELAND** (AP)—Vidal Nuno pitched five innings of three-hit ball to win his first major league start, and Vernon Wells and Lyle Overbay had two RBIs apiece as the New York Yankees beat the Cleveland Indians 7-0 Monday for a doubleheader split.

Justin Masterson pitched a four-hitter for his third career shutout as the Indians won the opener 1-0 and stopped the Yankees' five-game winning streak.

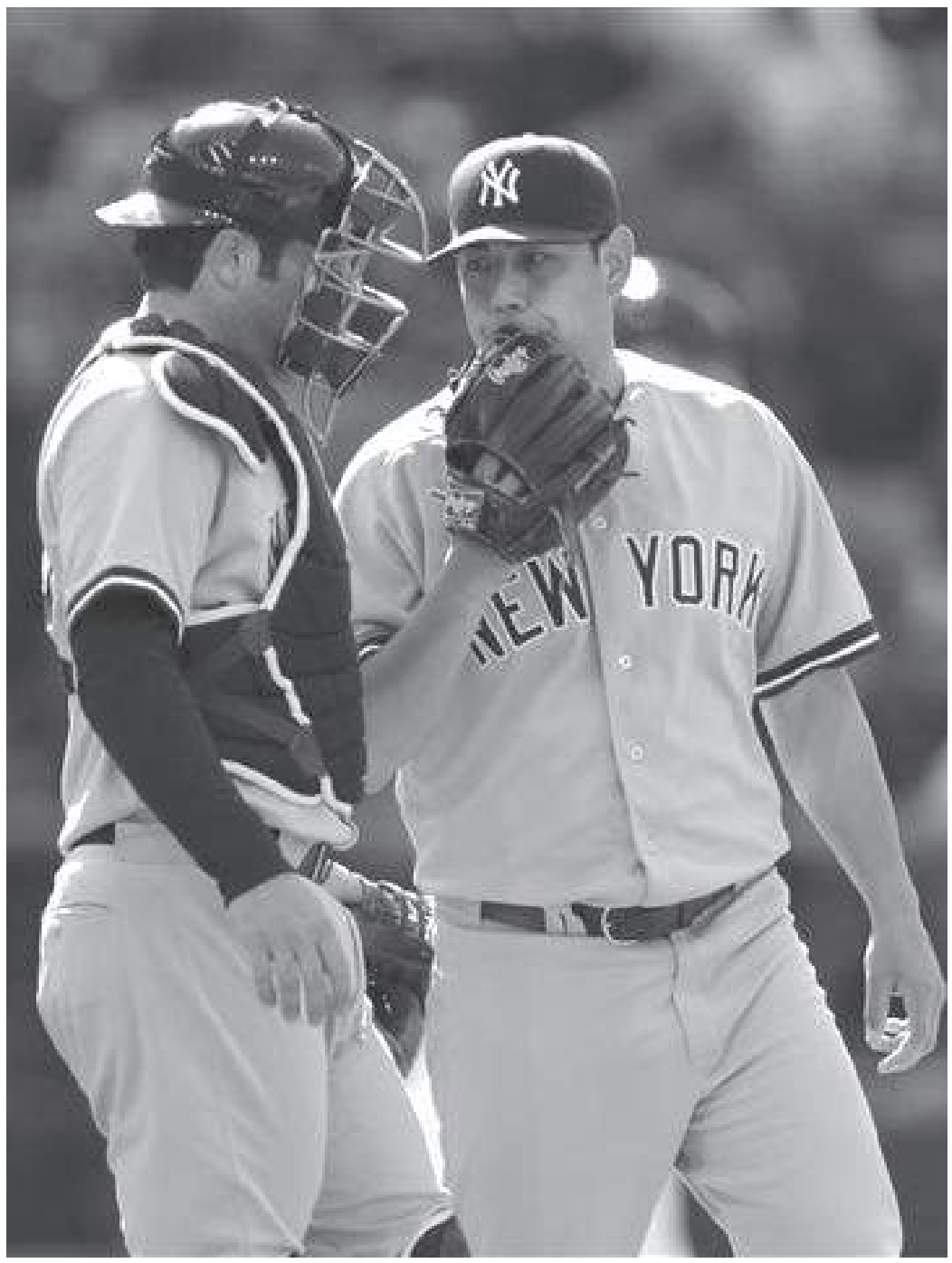
Pitching in just his second game for the Yankees, Nuno (1-1) walked three and struck out three. The former Cleveland draft pick became the only lefthander other than CC Sabathia or Andy Pettitte to start for New York since 2008.

Yankees rookie Adam Warren finished the five-hitter for his first big league save.

New York chased Trevor Bauer (1-2) during a six-run seventh and handed the Indians just their third loss in 16 games.

In the opener, Masterson (6-2) gave up four singles—only one reached the outfield—for his third career shutout and second this season. The right-hander also blanked the Chicago White Sox on April 12.

Jason Kipnis homered in the first inning off David Phelps (1-2) for the Indians, outscored 25-7 by the Yankees in two losses last month. Consecutive postponements back then forced the teams back to Progressive Field for a one-admission twinbill.



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New York Yankees starting pitcher Vidal Nuno, right, talks with catcher Austin Romine in the fifth inning in the second game of a baseball doubleheader against the Cleveland Indians, Monday, May 13, 2013, in Cleveland. (AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

### Athletics 5, Rangers 1

In Oakland, California, Yoenis Cespedes and Brandon Moss hit consecutive home runs and A.J. Griffin matched his season high with eight strikeouts to lead Oakland over Texas.

It was Texas' first trip to Oakland since being swept in the final three games of the 2012 regular season and coughing up the AL West title to the surprising A's. The Rangers (24-14) arrived in the Bay Area having won seven of nine and began the day with the best record in the majors, but again ran into their division nemesis.

Griffin (4-3) went seven innings and didn't walk a batter for the first time this season. He improved to 3-0 in four starts against division opponents.

Mitch Moreland homered to give the Rangers the lead in the second, then Eric Sogard and John Jaso hit RBI singles for the A's in the bottom half. Texas had its four-game winning streak snapped.

Justin Grimm (2-3) lost his third straight.

### Tigers 7, Astros 2

In Detroit, Andy Dirks hit his first career grand slam, part of a six-run fourth inning for Detroit against Houston.

Victor Martinez also homered for the Tigers, who swept four straight in Houston earlier this month and opened this three-game series at Comerica Park with another convincing victory.

Anibal Sanchez (4-3) allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings for the Tigers. He struck out eight with one walk.

Bud Norris (4-4) allowed seven runs and nine hits in five innings before leaving with lower back spasms. Houston has lost five straight and 15 of 18—and the Astros also lost standout second baseman Jose Altuve in the second with a jaw injury after he collided with right fielder Jimmy Paredes on a popup.

Dirks finished a triple shy of the cycle—a fine performance in the leadoff spot after Austin Jackson went on the disabled list earlier in the day with a pulled left hamstring.

### Royals 11, Angels 4

In Anaheim, California, Billy Butler broke out of a severe slump with five hits and five RBIs as Kansas City kept Joe Blanton winless in eight starts this season with a victory over Los Angeles.

Butler's hit total tied his career high, established on July 27, 2009, at Baltimore. The designated hitter has three games with five or more RBIs in the majors. He began the day in a 4-for-35 rut with a .228 average and one RBI in 23 at-bats over his previous six games.

Luis Mendoza (1-2) allowed three runs and six hits over six innings, striking out six and walking none as the Royals began a nine-game road trip following a three-game sweep by the Yankees. The right-hander was staked to a 10-1 lead and took a three-hitter into the sixth before giving up a pair of runs.

Luke Hochevar pitched three innings for his first save in seven big league seasons.

Blanton (0-7) threw 99 pitches through 4 2-3 innings, giving up seven runs and 12 hits with seven strikeouts and no walks.

### Twins 10, White Sox 3

In Minneapolis, Twins rookie Aaron Hicks hit two home runs and made a leaping catch in center field to take a tying home run away from Adam Dunn in Minnesota's victory over Chicago.

Justin Morneau extended his hitting streak to nine games with three hits and four RBIs, including a three-run double that capped the scoring in the eighth inning. Trevor Plouffe had a two-run double in the third.

Hicks, who missed the previous two games with a sore right elbow, led off the fourth with a solo homer to center that gave the Twins a 5-2 lead. He robbed Dunn of a two-run shot in the sixth and connected again in the bottom half.

Dunn and Hicks entered the game tied for the lowest batting average in the majors (.137) among qualifiers. When the night was over, Hicks' average was .152 and Dunn's .133.

Twins starter Pedro Hernandez (2-0) allowed three runs and six hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Hector Santiago (1-2) yielded six runs—three earned—and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings. He had only allowed one earned run in his previous two starts.

### Braves 10, Diamondbacks 1

In Phoenix, Justin Upton snapped a 14-game homerless drought and had four hits to help the Atlanta Braves rout the Diamondbacks in his return to Arizona.

Upton, the first overall pick by Arizona in the 2005 amateur draft, was playing his first game at Chase Field since the offseason trade that sent him and third baseman Chris Johnson to Atlanta in a seven-player deal.

Upton followed his brother B.J., who was hit on the left shoulder by Wade Miley (3-2) to lead off the sixth, and powered a fastball onto the porch above the center field fence for his 13th home run and first since April 27 at Detroit.

Johnson hit a two-run homer to cap Atlanta's three-run fifth and Brian McCann also homered for the Braves, who ended a three-game losing streak.

Braves starter Mike Minor (5-2) allowed one run on eight hits over 6 2-3 innings.

### Nationals 6, Dodgers 2

In Los Angeles, Jordan Zimmermann won his NL and major league-leading seventh game, Ryan Zimmerman drove in three runs and the Nationals defeated the Dodgers after losing Bryce Harper in a violent collision with the wall in right field.

Zimmermann (7-1) allowed nine hits and two runs in 7 2/3 innings, struck out five and walked none.

Harper left the game in the fifth after hitting the scoreboard wall face-first while tracking a ball hit by A.J. Ellis over his left shoulder. He never looked at the wall and when he finally turned, he was on top of it. The impact sent Harper's cap flying as he bounced off the wall and crumpled to the ground, with Ellis getting a triple.

Harper rolled onto his back and eventually got up under his own power. Streaks of blood were evident on his neck as he walked off the field. There was no immediate update on his condition before the game ended.

He was playing just his second game after missing two with an ingrown toenail that required surgery.

Josh Beckett (0-5) gave up four runs—two earned—and three hits in three innings while striking out five and walking two.

### Cubs 9, Rockies 1

In Chicago, Travis Wood pitched seven scoreless innings and the Cubs came within two outs of their first shutout since last August in a win over the Rockies.

Alfonso Soriano homered for Chicago, which has won three straight for the second time this season. The Cubs' 14 hits were one short of a season high.

Josh Rutledge hit a home run off Carlos Marmol with one out in the ninth, ruining the Cubs' bid for their first shutout win since they beat Colorado on Aug. 26. The Cubs have gone 74 games between shutouts, their longest streak since going 75 in a row from May 15 until Aug. 6, 1999, according to STATS.

Wood (4-2) allowed two hits while striking out two for his major league-leading eighth quality start. He's the first Cubs pitcher since Hippo Vaughn in 1919 to start with eight quality starts.

### Cardinals 6, Mets 3

In St. Louis, Lance Lynn overcame early control woes as St. Louis used a three-run seventh inning to beat the Mets.

Lynn (6-1) allowed three runs on three hits and four walks the first two innings. He only gave up one hit and one walk in his last five innings. He is 4-0 at home this season.

Rick Ankiel, signed by the Mets earlier in the day after clearing waivers and playing against the team that revived his career as a position player, just missed a diving catch on Ty Wigginton's pinch-hit bloop double to shallow center off Scott Rice (1-3) to open the seventh.

Matt Carpenter followed Wigginton's hit with a sharp grounder off Rice's leg and the ball rolled into foul territory down the first-base line. Wigginton never stopped running and his head-first slide barely beat the tag to snap a 3-3 tie.

### Brewers 5, Pirates 1

In Pittsburgh, Marco Estrada allowed three hits over seven innings as the Brewers beat the sloppy Pirates to snap a four-game losing streak.

Norichika Aoki went 3 for 5 with three RBIs and two stolen bases for the Brewers. Jean Segura added three hits and three stolen bases as Milwaukee ran wild against Pittsburgh backup catcher Mike McKenry. The Brewers stole six bases in all and took advantage of three Pittsburgh errors to win for just the second time this month.

Estrada (3-2) bounced back from a rough start against St. Louis by striking out five and issuing just one walk to remain unbeaten against the Pirates.

Burnett (3-4) allowed four runs in seven innings and pushed his National League-leading strikeout total to 72, but Pittsburgh couldn't extend its winning streak to a season-high four games.

## Bloody Harper leaves game after hitting wall

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Bryce Harper has left the game in the fifth inning after the Washington Nationals star ran full-on into the scoreboard in right field at Dodger Stadium on Monday night.

Harper was trying to make a play on a ball hit by A.J. Ellis when he smacked face-first into the scoreboard. The impact sent his cap flying as he bounced off the wall and crumpled to the ground. Center fielder Denard Span had to come in to field the ball.

Harper rolled onto his back and eventually got up under his own power. Streaks of blood were evident on his neck as he walked off the field.

It was the right fielder's second game back after missing two games with an ingrown toenail.

# Camor gains second straight win

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Camor took its second consecutive win in the 2013 DLX Invitational Basketball League after routing Mawati, 81-62, last Monday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Camor, which bowed to the Sexy Boys, 69-70, in its first game before recovering against Yuichiro, 84-60, started a streak after getting a big lift from Jack Aranda. The shooting guard knocked in 12 points in the fourth quarter to foil Mawati's comeback bid and lead Camor to the 19-point win.

Camor led by 17 at the break, 25-43, as Aranda sizzled for 6 early triples and finished the half with 23 points. However, Mawati moved within three at the end of the third, 49-52, after limiting Aranda to one field goal and Webb Guntar, Ian Larot, and Jerome Reyes combining for 18 of their 24 markers in that canto.

With the game on the line, Aranda made up for his so-so performance in the third, scoring in succession in the fourth canto. After Prince Factor's split, Aranda nailed 5 straight points for Camor and then drilled 7 more markers in a row midway in the final canto to lead the breakaway

Mawati (1-3) failed to keep its momentum in the fourth canto with Reyes held to 2 points and only Francis Serrano and Guntar connected more than one field goal apiece for the losing squad.

Aranda finished with a game-high 37 points, burying 14 of them in the first period that ended with Camor enjoying a 27-14 advantage. He connected on four triples in the first canto and two more in the second to stretch the Camor's lead at halftime.

### Maplas 74, Chinatown 62

In the first game, Maplas barged into the win column after a 0-2 start, following a 12-point victory over Chinatown.

Maplas notched its first win after rallying past Chinatown in the third canto. Maplas was behind at the break, 30-34, when it outgunned Chinatown in the third, 27-13, to grab the driver's seat, 57-47.

Edmar Mendoza led the third-quarter attack, scoring 10 points, while three of his teammates contributed at least two field goals apiece to open a 10-point advantage, entering the final canto. Maplas went on protected the double-digit lead with Mico Usi picking up where Mendoza left off, making 10 of his 15 points in the fourth quarter.

Mendoza still top-scored for Maplas with his 24 points, while Noel David also finished in twin digits with his 11 markers. Justine Zapanta paced Chinatown (1-2) with his 18 points.

### First Game

**Maplas La Mani 74** –Mendoza 24, M. Usi 15, David 11, Aniciete 8, Matias 5, Claveria 4, Surla 2.

**Chinatown 62** – Zapanta 18, Norita 12, Quizon 9, Lapuz 8, Mancao 6, Ajoste 5, Chan 2.

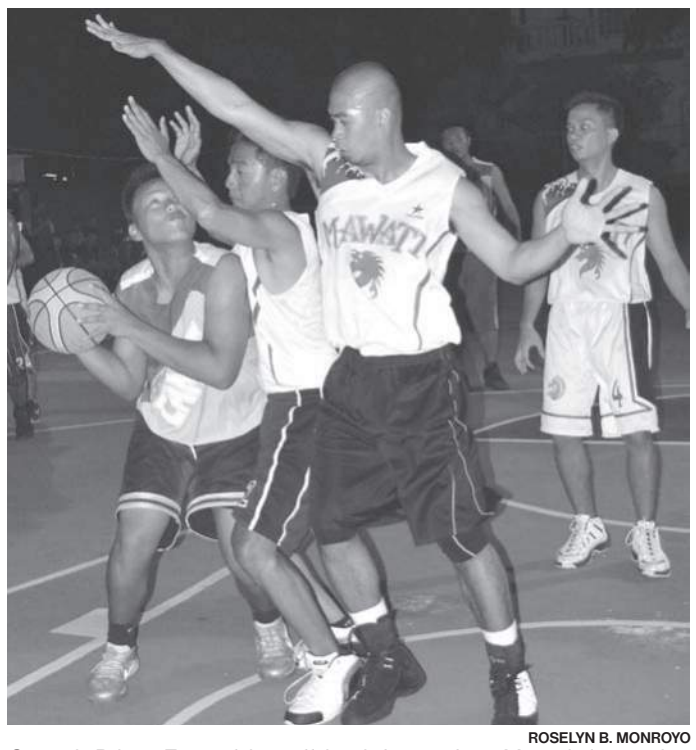
**Scoring by quarters:** 13-19, 30-34, 57-47, 74-62.

### Second Game

**Camor 83** – Aranda 37, Kwon 10, Factor 8, Litulumar 6, Ibanez 5, Morales 5, Galulu 4, Chen 2.

**Mawati 61** – Reyes 15, Serrano 14, Guntar 10, Larot 9, Corotan 8, Carrera 4, Tenepere 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 27-14, 42-25, 52-49, 83-61.



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Camor's Prince Factor fakes off the defense of two Mawati players during the first quarter of their game in the DLX caging last Monday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

## Tinian mayor tops SGA April Ace

Tinian Mayor Ray Dela Cruz won the Saipan Golfers Association April Ace of the Month Tournament held last April 28 at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

Dela Cruz shot a net score of 65 to take the coveted title against 20 others comers, while Ben Aldan took second with a net 68. Former Superior Court presiding judge Edward Manibusan settled for third with a net 70.

The closest-to-the-pin honors for the month were secured by Art Deleon Guerrero in hole No. 3, Manibusan in hole No. 7, Nick Sablan in hole No. 13, and Edward Sablan in hole No. 17.

Longest drives were driven by long-knockers Jung Eun Teack (hole No. 6) and Rick Kautz (hole No. 11).

In the March ace tourney held last April 14, Pacific Islands Club Saipan F&B director Steve Balakrishna turned in a net 70 to rule the 18-man competition.

Veteran par-busters Nick Sablan and Juan L. Babauta found themselves tied with a net score of 71. The tie was broken by the scorecard tiebreaker, giving second place to Sablan and third place to Babauta.

Closest-to-the-pin winners were Manibusan who was without peer in holes No. 6, 8, and 12 and Juan Lizama in hole No. 15. The longest drive for hole No. 3 went to lone female golfer Frances Sablan and hole No. 11 went to Nick Sablan.

Both SGA March and April ace awards banquet was held at Amigos Pizza where both months' Top 3 players were recognized.

SGA April ace Dela Cruz and March ace Balakrishna joins February ace James Whang and January ace Edward Sablan for the 2013 season-ending club championship.

The May Ace of the Month Tournament, meanwhile, is scheduled this Sunday, May 19, 2013, at Laolao Bay Golf Course east course. Showtime is at 9am with a tee time of 10am. All SGA members are encouraged to confirm their participation via email, text, or calling one of the SGA officers or the tournament director. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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seconds and beating William S. Reyes' Lushwan Reyes (36.22 seconds) and John Mark Anastacio (37.18 seconds). In the 400m race, They submitted 1:21.56 to rank second behind Saipan International School's Rintaro Miyawaki (1:15.46), while Santos also earned runner-up honors in the 800m run with his 3:15.59. Miyawaki ruled the 800m race (2:58.16)

In the 4x100m relay, the quartet of Hossain, They, Santos, and Hans Yarobwemal timed in at 1:10.42 to prevail against SIS' Jeremy Kim, Jabez Sebastian, Graftan Howard and Miyawaki, who combined for 1:12.47. WSR's Justine Aldan, Luke Mersai, Anastacio, and Reyes rounded out the Top 3 after logging 1:12.95.

Hossain was also on Koblerville's 4x400m gold-medal winning relay team, joining forces with Harris Yarobwemal, Keiph Manual, and Tommy Santos. The Umangs quartet clocked in at 6:11.35 to down 6:44.04 and 6:56.25 of WSR and Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, respectively.

With its consistent Top 3 showing in the boys U8 events, WSR took the runner-up honors in the boys division after collecting 61 points. SIS came in at third with its 38 markers, followed by Tanapag (29), GTC (26), Whispering Palms (18), Brilliant Star (16), Dandan (14), Agape Christian School (10), and Saipan Community School (2).

In the girls U8 division, Whispering Palms gathered 51 points to foil Koblerville's bid for a sweep, as the latter managed only 48 points. The Terns' impressive performance in the 1,500m run was the deciding factor in the close battle, as Ellie Epley finished first with her 7:10.37 and Violet Allen came (8:05.93) in at third. WSR's Coume Kaga was the runner-up, clocking in at 7:15.16.

Whispering Palms earned 16 points in the 1,500m run, 10 in the 200m run, and 8 each in the 60m and 800m runs and 4x400m relay, and one in vortex throw.

River Kramer gave Whispering Palms 8 points when she timed in at 10.42 seconds and finished second in the 60m run. Koblerville's Katie Kalen ruled the event with her 10.13 seconds, while GTC's Mercedez Cruz (10.62 seconds) placed third. In the 4x400m relay, Epley, Allen, Kramer, and Lia Mariano posted 7:05.16 for a runner-up finish behind Koblerville (6:54.32). Dandan rounded out the Top 3 with its 8:06.97. Kramer also raced in the 200m run and her 36.50 topped the 38.88 seconds and 39.32 seconds of Koblerville's Starla Defang and San Vicente's Juliet Inocencio, respectively.

Dandan joined Whispering Palms and Koblerville in the Top 3 in the girls U8 division after getting 46 points. San Vicente (27) finished fourth overall, followed by WSR (20), Oleai (20), Tinian (18), Agape 916), GTC (12), SIS (8), and Brilliant Star (8).

Meanwhile, overall results for the U10, U12, U14, and U18 age groups will be reported later this week.

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Percy's chances for the Day 1 lead. He closed out with 169 pinfalls in Game 4 for an average of 210.75 and eight-pinfall lead over Dumapit, who had 232 and 222 in Games 1 and 4, but settled for runner-up honors, as he only had 184 and 197 in the two other games for a 208.75 average. Zapanta started strong with his 245 in Game 1, but slowed down in the next two (188 and 193) before wrapping up the day with another 200-plus pinfalls (207) for a 208.25 average in Day 1 of the competition.

In the Queen of the Lanes, Gloria finished only fourth (589) in Day 1, but came back strong in the final day to steal the win from January and February champion Yho Villavicencio.

Gloria's 753 pinfalls, highlighted by the best single game score (223 in Game 2), eclipsed the 669 of Villavicencio. Gloria had 164, 188, and 178 in the three other games for an average of 188.25, as she was the only kegler in the women's field to knock down at least 700 pins. Diana Chong also bowled last Sunday and rounded out the Top 3 with her 637 pinfalls.

Meanwhile, in the Fiji Water Prince/Princess of the Lanes. Ryan Batac ended Ji Hoon Lee's streak.

Batac collected 707 pinfalls to edge Lee and Leenne Yarobwemal and Marcel McKenzie. Lee, who won the youth event from February to April, dropped to third this month with his 55 pinfalls, while Yarobwemal and McKenzie recorded 634 and 500 to finish second and fourth, respectively.

Batac was the lone bowler in the youth tournament to score at least 200 pinfalls in a game (221 in Game 3). He tallied 158 and 180 in the first two games and 148 in the last for a 176.75 average, while Yarobwemal averaged 158.50 after logging 152, 148, 184, and 150.

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Estolas then collared the rebound and went coast-to-coast, pulling up for a layup against three DFS defenders and making the basket as time expired to send the game to an extra five minutes.

In overtime, DFS still had an opportunity to win the match, leading by as much as 6 points, but Estolas, Gyles Ruluked, and Rabauliman kept Mobil's hope alive, tying the game anew, 110-all, with 20 seconds left and Mobil in possession. Fernando Muleta then received the inbound pass and ran down a few seconds from the clock before handing the leather to Estolas, who then spotted Rabauliman cutting at the middle near the foul line. Rabauliman pulled up for a shot, was fouled, and hit the two charities, with three seconds left in the match.

DFS failed to retaliate in the closing seconds, as it could not even cross the backcourt against the scrambling defense of Mobil.

Three Mobil players scored at least 23 points in the close win with Estolas drilling 23 and Rabauliman and Muleta adding 22 and 20, respectively. Ruluked chipped in 19, while Zack Babauta contributed 14.

In the second game, Docomo (3-2) snapped a two-game slide after outclassing Saipan Apparel (1-4).

Docomo held Saipan Apparel scoreless in the first five minutes of the third quarter, turning a 44-40 halftime lead to a 61-50 advantage , entering the final canto. Saipan Apparel was without Ed Diaz and played too relaxed in the second half and went for many outside shots, allowing Docomo to cruise to victory.

Tim Wesley paced Docomo with his 24 point, while Bruce Berline and Elgene Mangali logged 21 and 16, respectively. Pedro Lizama led Saipan Apparel with his 20 markers.

### First Game

**Mobil 112** – Estolas 23, Rabauliman 22, Muleta 20, Ruluked 19, Babauta 14, De Guzman 6, Gapor 5, Abuan 2.

**DFS 110** – Barcinas 26, Lizama 24, Esdrelon 18, Libuw 17, Guiab 14, Dikito 6.

**Scoring by quarters:** 23-28, 53-47, 73-76, 98-98, 112-110.

### Second Game

**Docomo Pacific 84** – Wesley 24, Berline 21, Mangali 16, Sison 9, Sablan 4, Sanciangco 4, McCale 4.

**Saipan Apparel 67** – Lizama 20, Teregeyo 15, Norita 10, Babauta 9, Guerrero 7, Barrazo 6.

**Scoring by quarters:** 19-15, 44-40, 61-50, 84-67.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

| East Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 24 | 14 | .632 | _ |
| Baltimore | 23 | 15 | .605 | 1 |
| Boston | 22 | 16 | .579 | 2 |
| Tampa Bay | 19 | 18 | .514 | 4 1/2 |
| Toronto | 15 | 24 | .385 | 9 1/2 |
| **Central Division** | | | | |
| Detroit | 21 | 15 | .583 | _ |
| Cleveland | 21 | 16 | .568 | 1/2 |
| Kansas City | 19 | 16 | .543 | 1 1/2 |
| Minnesota | 18 | 17 | .514 | 2 1/2 |
| Chicago | 15 | 21 | .417 | 6 |
| **West Division** | | | | |
| Texas | 24 | 14 | .632 | _ |
| Oakland | 20 | 20 | .500 | 5 |
| Seattle | 18 | 20 | .474 | 6 |
| Los Angeles | 14 | 24 | .368 | 10 |
| Houston | 10 | 29 | .256 | 14 1/2 |

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

| East Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 22 | 16 | .579 | _ |
| Washington | 21 | 17 | .553 | 1 |
| Philadelphia | 18 | 21 | .462 | 4 1/2 |
| New York | 14 | 21 | .400 | 6 1/2 |
| Miami | 11 | 27 | .289 | 11 |
| **Central Division** | | | | |
| St. Louis | 24 | 13 | .649 | _ |
| Cincinnati | 22 | 16 | .579 | 2 1/2 |
| Pittsburgh | 21 | 17 | .553 | 3 1/2 |
| Milwaukee | 16 | 20 | .444 | 7 1/2 |
| Chicago | 16 | 22 | .421 | 8 1/2 |
| **West Division** | | | | |
| San Francisco | 23 | 15 | .605 | _ |
| Arizona | 21 | 18 | .538 | 2 1/2 |
| Colorado | 20 | 18 | .526 | 3 |
| San Diego | 16 | 21 | .432 | 6 1/2 |
| Los Angeles | 15 | 22 | .405 | 7 1/2 |

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# COPSSA Basketball League Girls Finals

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Mt. Carmel School's Amy Taylor beats a Grace Christian Academy player for a rebound play during their title game in the 2012-2013 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Basketball League last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Grace Christian Academy's Danica Canedo pulls up for a shot inside the shaded lane.

Mt. Carmel School's Michelle Kautz tries to keep the ball away from two Grace Christian Academy defenders.

Grace Christian Academy and Mt. Carmel School players battle for the loose ball.

Mt. Carmel School coach Francis San Nicolas gives instructions to his players during the halftime break.

Mt. Carmel School's Karlene Reyes dribbles toward the basket and is guarded by Grace Christian Academy's Danica Canedo.

Grace Christian Academy's Jazmin Rayphand eludes the defense of Carmel School's Jan Travilla.

Grace Christian Academy's Zena Demapan tries to bounce a pass to an open teammate at the baseline.

Mt. Carmel School's Kaylani Lebria dribbles away from her defenders.

Mt. Carmel School players hug each other after beating Grace Christian Academ in the finals, 48-27.

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Sports

# Koblerville, Whispering Palms share honors

## Mobil nips DFS in OT; Docomo wins

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Docomo Pacific's Tim Wesley, rights, pulls up for a shot against Saipan Apparel's Mike Babauta during the fourth quarter of their game in the Shirley's caging last Monday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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Mobil eked out a 112-110 overtime victory against defending champion Duty Free Saipan during the exciting curtain-raiser in the 4th Shirley's Coffee Shop Basketball League last Monday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Jun Estolas made a buzzer-beating layup to send the game into overtime, while Marvin Rabauliman canned two pressure-packed free throws in the last three seconds of the extension period to lift Mobil (4-1) to the 2-point win and end DFS' two-game winning streak.

Estolas' equalizer came after Elmer Esdrelon muffed the insurance basket for DFS (2-3). The defending champion was ahead by 2, 98-96, and had a chance to seal the game when Esdrelon received a baseline inbound pass from Junar Guiab and was left alone in the paint, as Mobil players got confused on their defensive assignments in the last seven seconds of the regulation. However, Esdrelon muffed a wide-open shot, overshooting his target.

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

A Whispering Palms student competes in the vortex throw event in the 2013 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Championships held last week at the Oleai Sports Complex.

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*First of a series*

Koblerville Elementary School and Whispering Palms claimed the U8 division titles in the 2013 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Championships held last week at the Oleai Sports Complex.

Koblerville clinched the boys U8 crown after collecting 90 points from 11 events slated in the May 8-10 competition. Points were given to participating schools based on how their students finished in the various events. The Umangs earned the most points in the 60m and long jump (18 points each), got 10 apiece in the 200m run and the 4x400m and 4x100m relays, and eight from the 400m and 800m runs, and vortex throw.

Tommy Ada and Mohammed Hossain had a 1-2 finish for Koblerville in the 60m run, timing in at 9.68 seconds and 9.87 seconds, respectively. Ada then placed second in the long jump with his 3.13m, behind winner and schoolmate Thrino They, who registered 3.97m.

Christopher Santos gave Koblerville its third first place finish in an individual event, topping the 200m run with his 34.41

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## Couple tops SBA/Budweiser May roll-offs

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Husband and wife Percy and Gloria Omechelang pose for a photo after winning SBA/Budweiser's May roll-offs last Monday at the Saipan Bowling Center.

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Husband and wife Percy and Gloria Omechelang triumphed in the SBA/Budweiser May roll-offs held at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Percy joined Day 1 of the King of the Lanes tournament last Sunday and collected 843 pinfalls in four games to lead 12 other bowlers, including Raul Dumapit (835) and Raphael Zapanta (833). Percy went on to keep the lead and the monthly award, as no participant in last Monday's games surpassed his record with March and April winner Robert Talavera coming back in Day 2 and earning only 817 pinfalls, three pinfalls ahead of his Day 1 total (814). Bowlers are allowed to compete in both days of the monthly tournament, however only the higher score is counted.

A 200-plus pinfall performance in the first three games (244, 214, and 216) boosted

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